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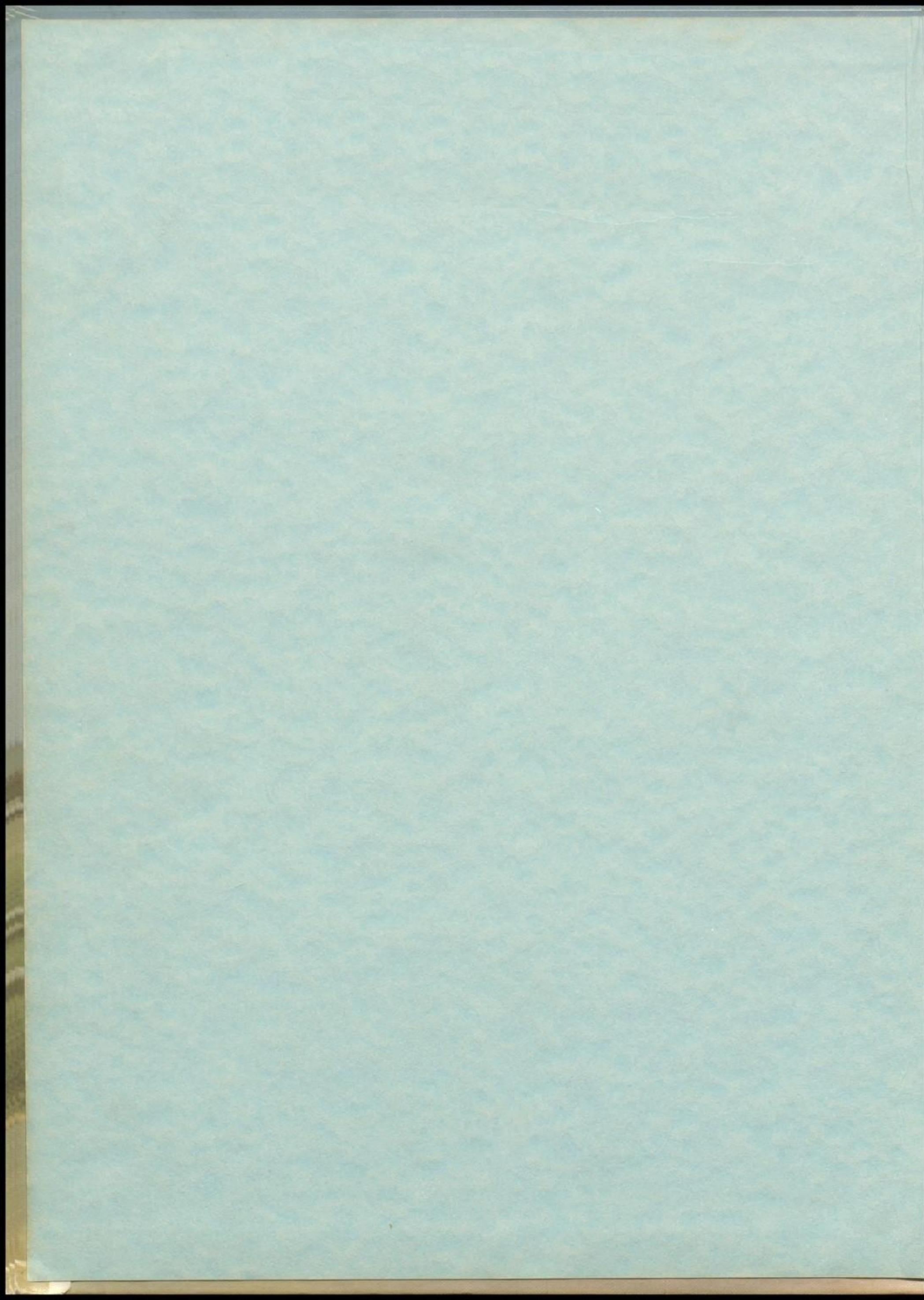
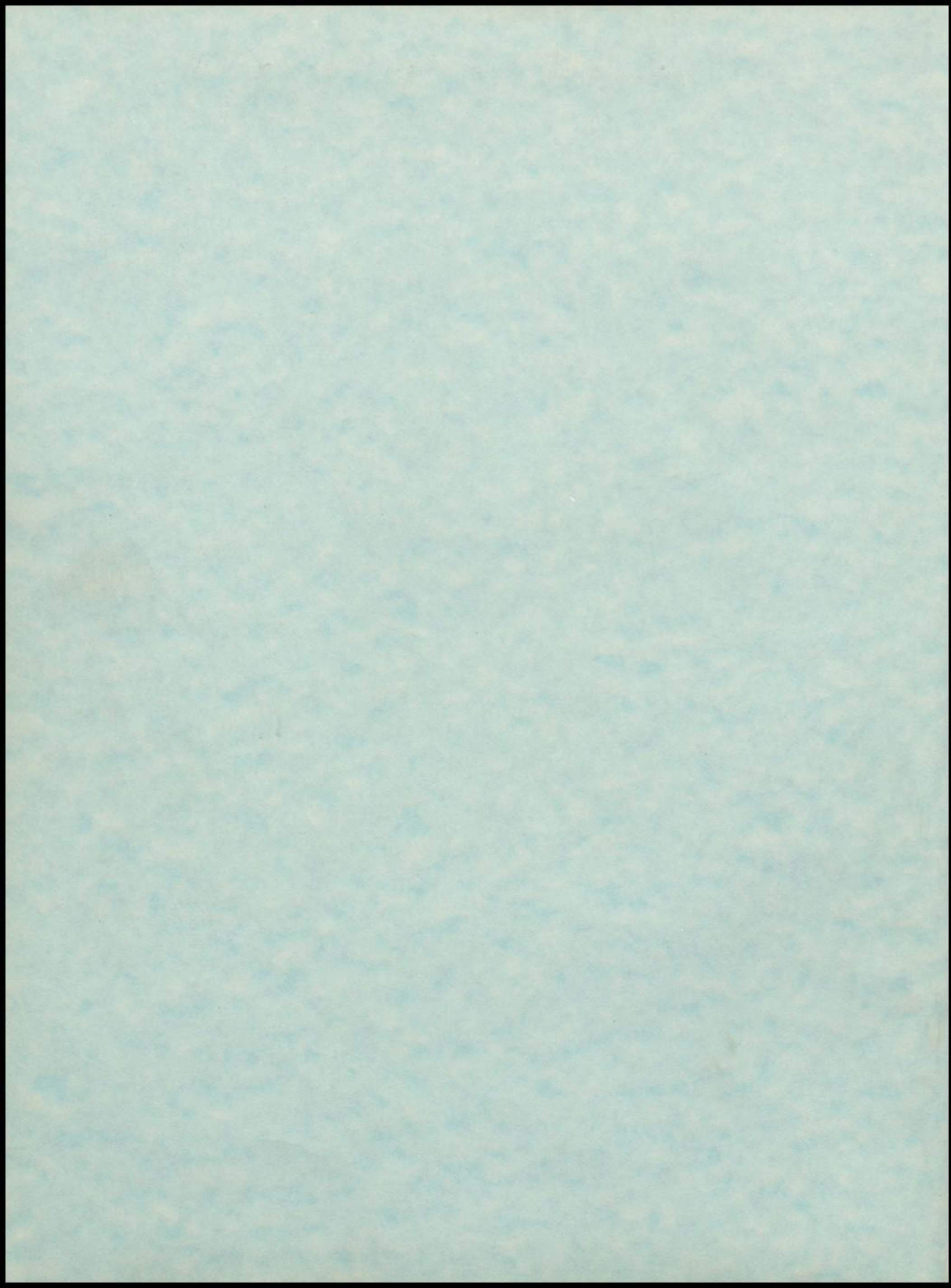
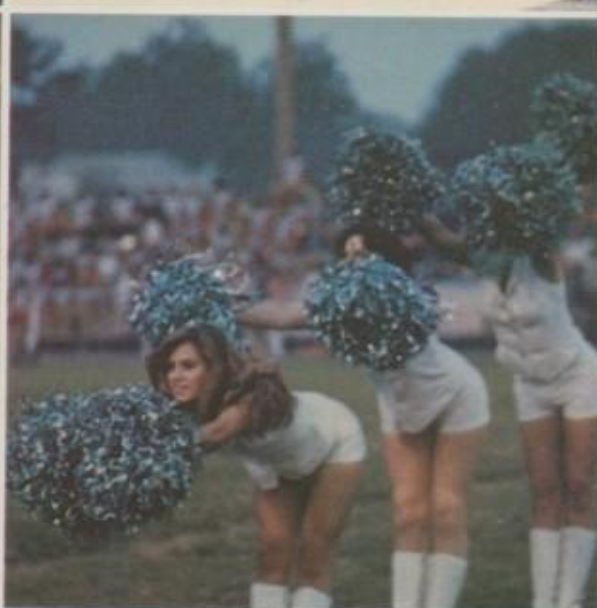
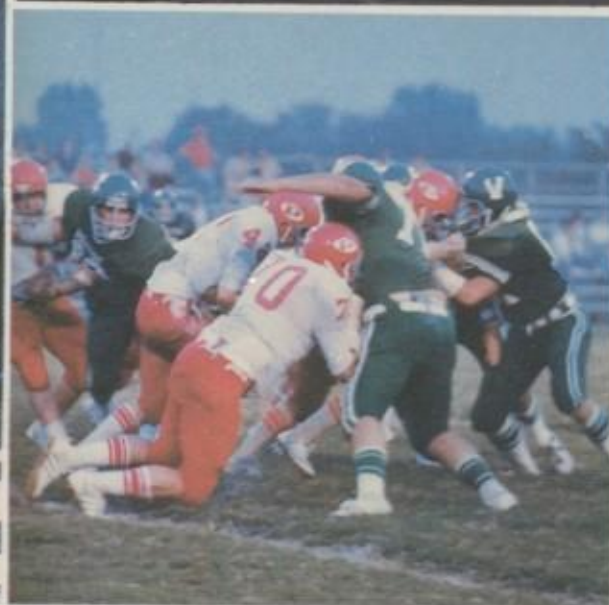


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Pointer

Students of Van Buren High School possess a certain quality that no other school even comes close to matching. This is the spirit of the Pointers, or Pointer Pride.

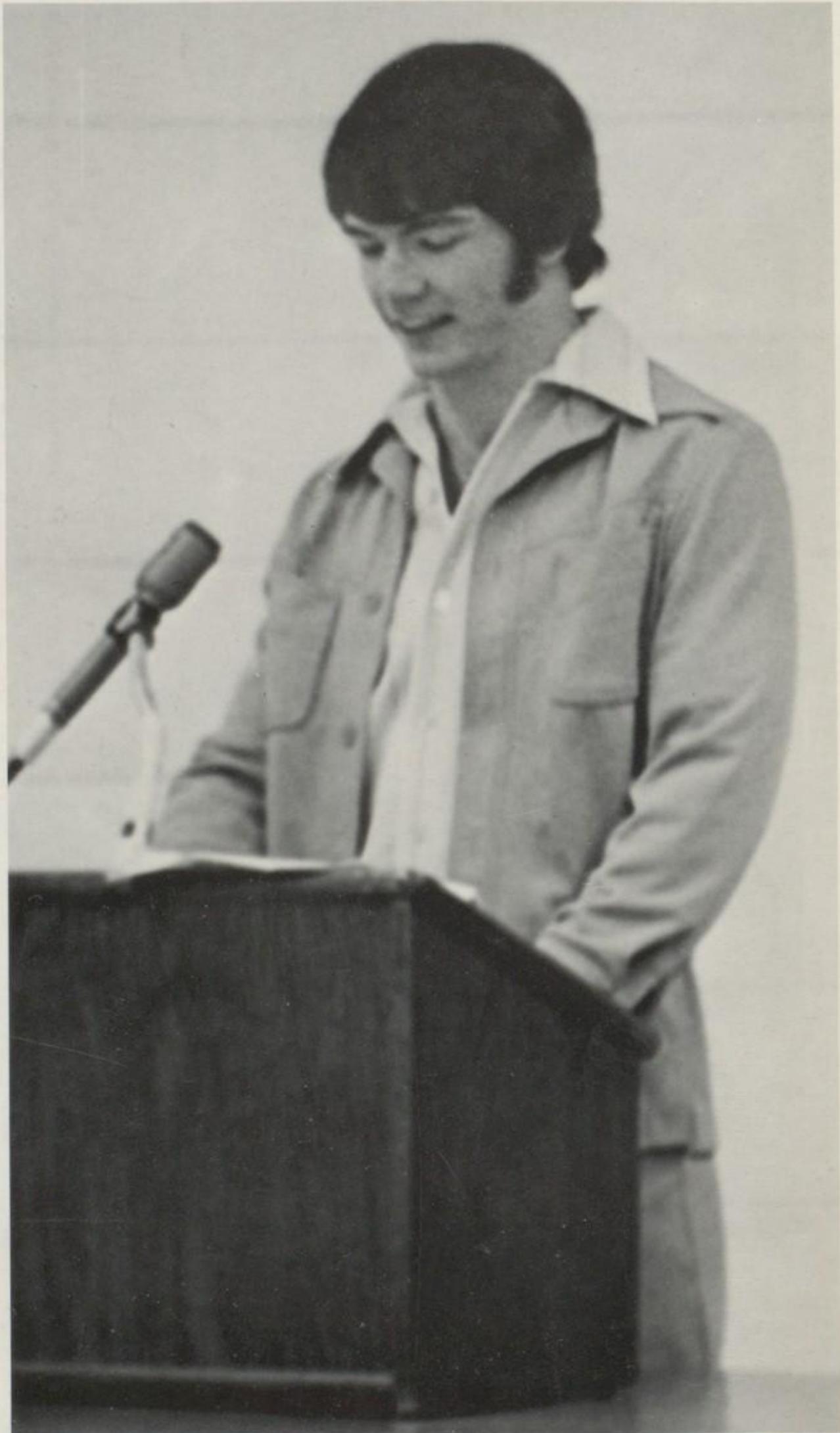
Memories of our school days as a student from Van Buren will long be remembered, whether it's seeing Mark Douglas make four touchdowns in a game and out-running the whole opposing team or Joe Ray Jones making that impossible basket. It might be seeing Coach Don Dixon yelling from the sidelines or hours spent preparing for Mrs. Grace Barlow's final English exam. No matter which memory is the fondest, they will all be special memories for us to treasure forever.

For VBHS's seniors, time will not easily be forgotten. Growing into a bigger world with bigger goals won't let them forget that they were once a Pointer.

Once a Pointer, always a Pointer, sharing Pointer Pride, each always holding his head high and saying, "I'm proud to be a Pointer!"

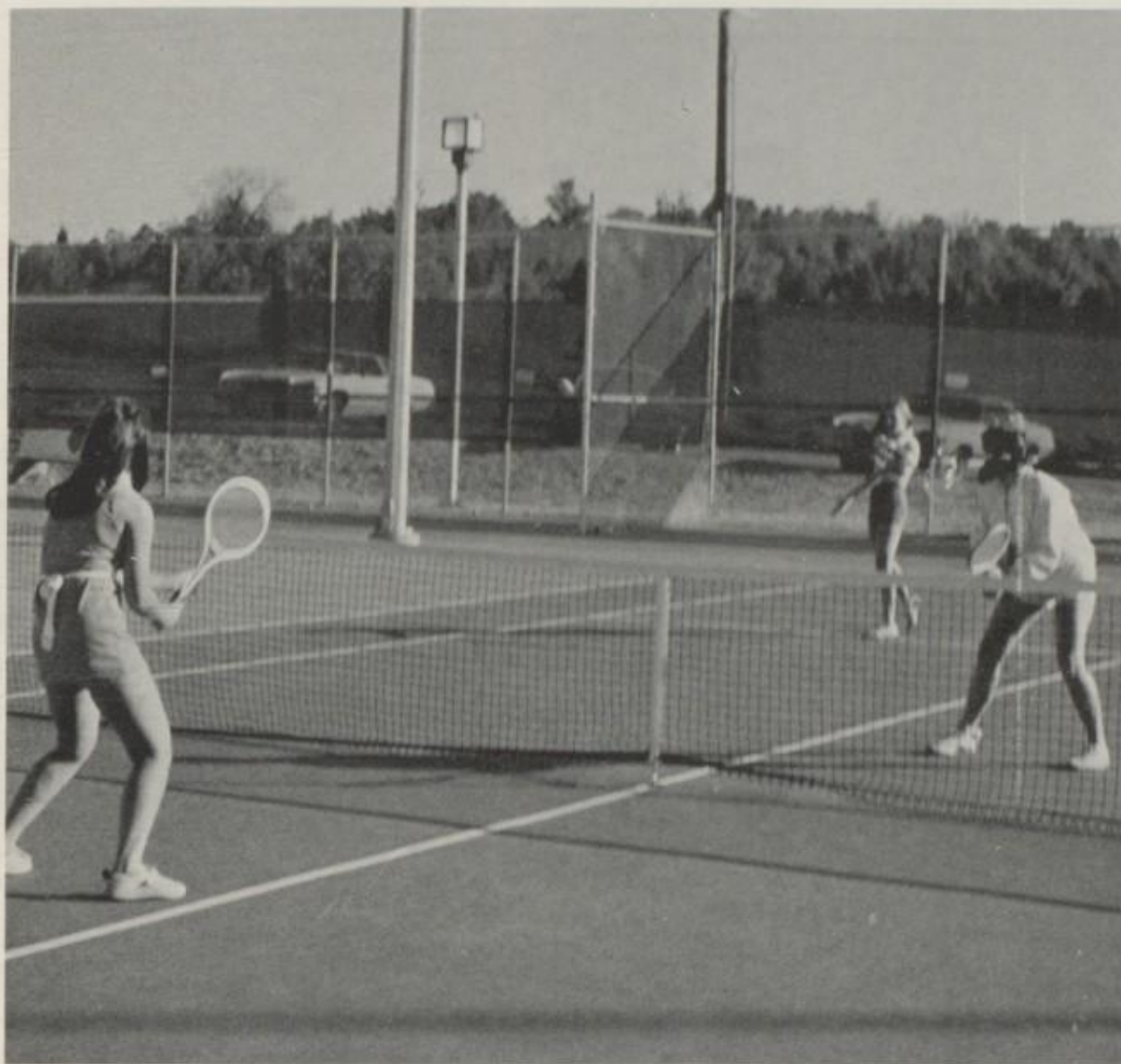


The Pointer Prancers were the newest thing to be proud of in '77-'78.



Student Council president Mike Brooks welcomes guests at the Football Homecoming reception.

Bride . . .



Enjoying a tennis game while taking it seriously are seniors Cheryl Batchelor, Sarah Hays and Linda Robinson.



Mark Douglas' relaxation in the courtyard contrasts with his strenuous running style on the football field.



Spirit abounded during the Homecoming pep rally as each class got into the act of boosting Pointer Pride.

... in country, activities, leisure



The ROTC Color Guard inspires pride in country at each home game.



The one and only Pointer Dog in Arkansas amuses everyone during the Homecoming football pep rally.



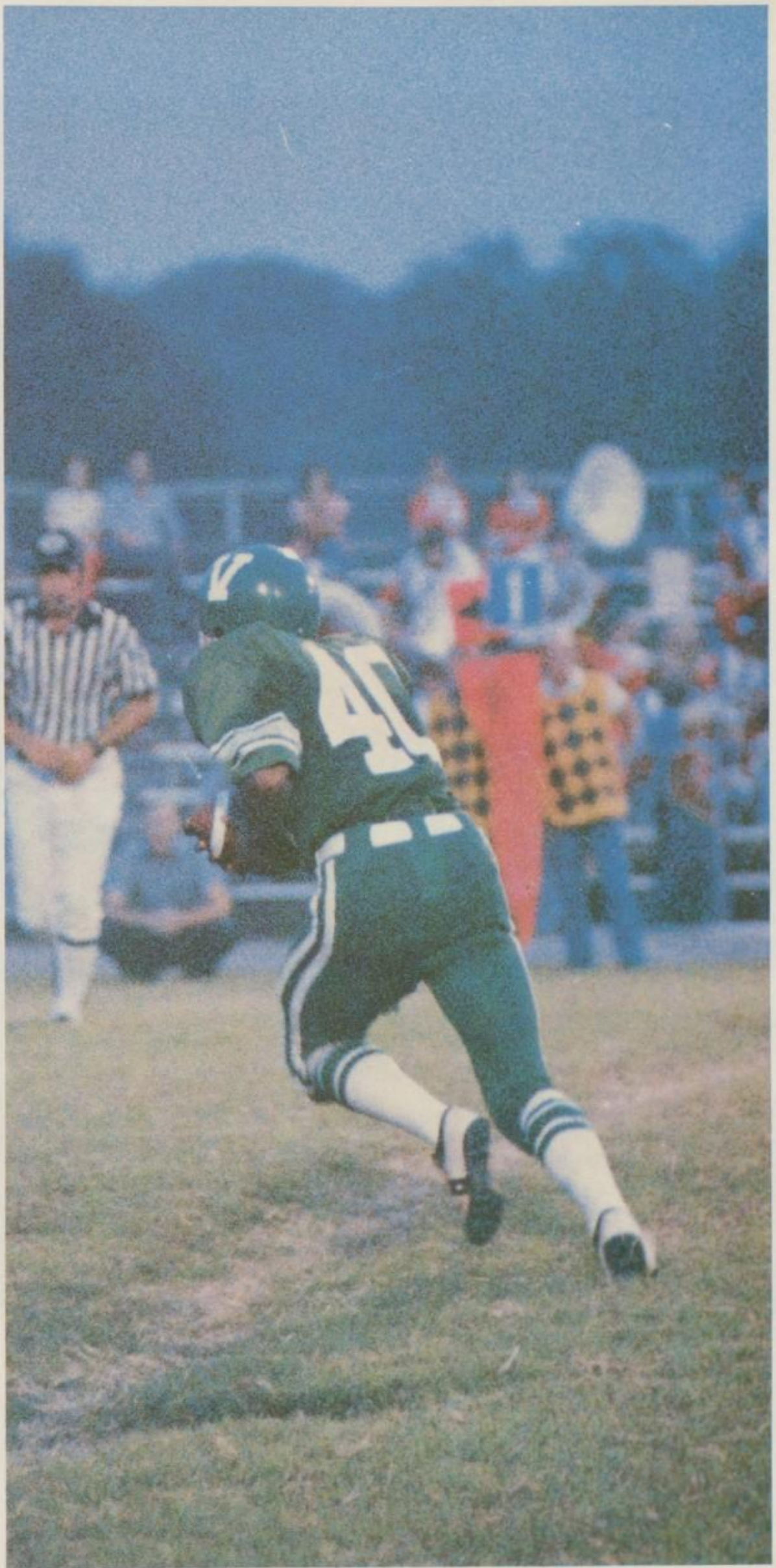
Students take pride in friendship while enjoying the open atmosphere in the sun-filled courtyard.



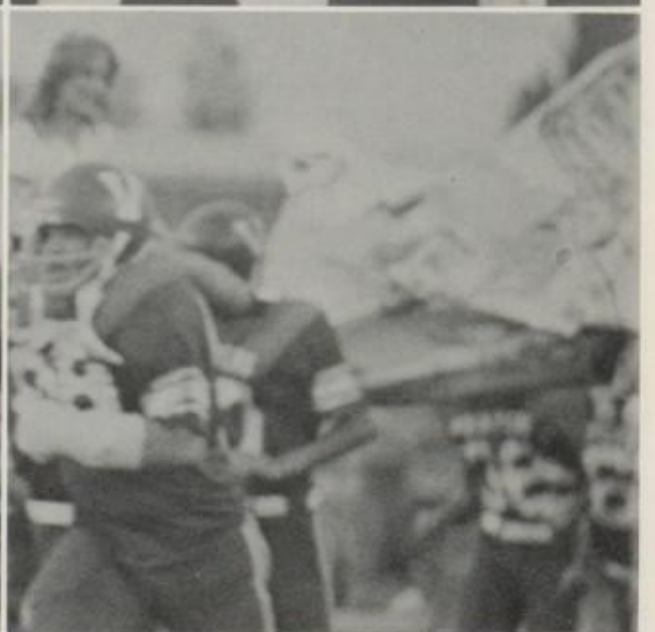
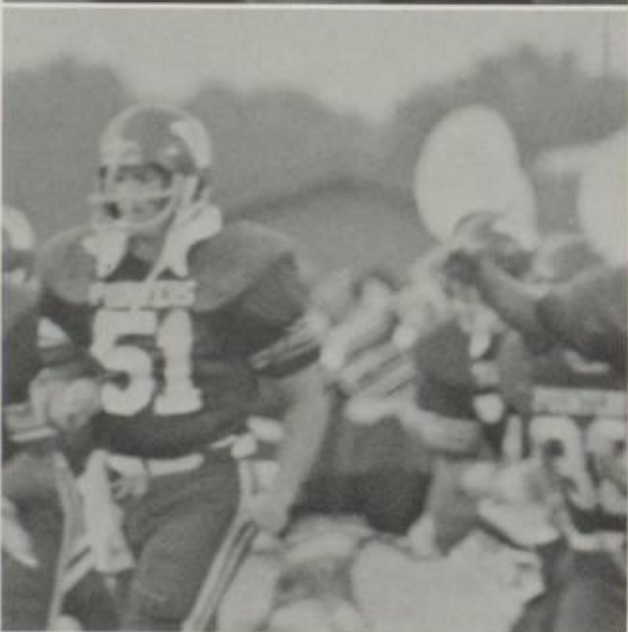
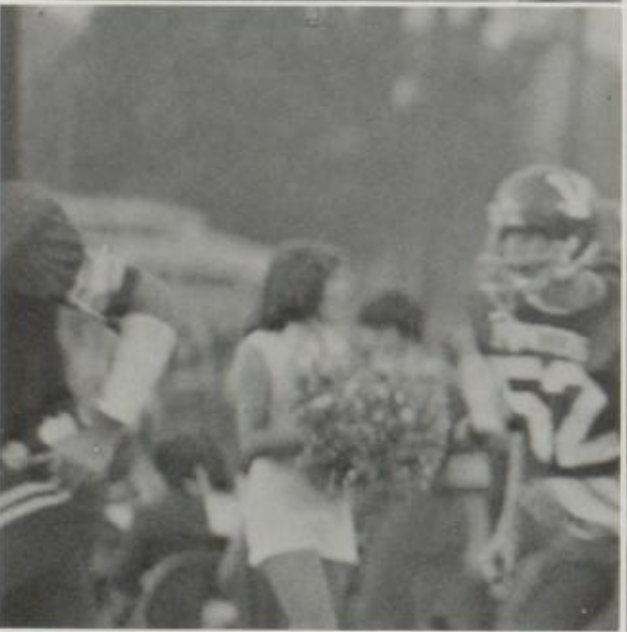
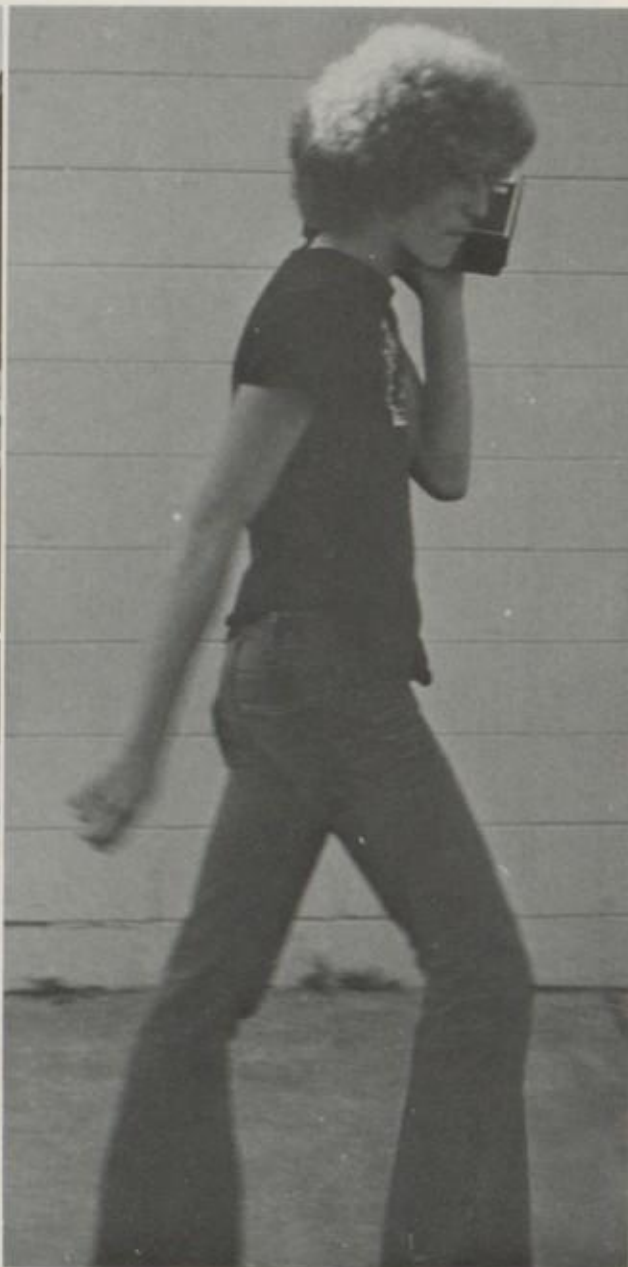
With many activities involved, Tommy Strickland finds time to represent the school at Boys' State.



Drum major Charles Curry takes pride in leading the Pointer band that began in '77-'78 to display showmanship rather than military marching.



Terrance Richardson typifies the Pointers who take pride in a great athletic tradition.



Pride in

ENJOYMENT



Junior Kristen Howell sprints through the jungles of VBHS' campus.



Charging through the sign-bust the Pointers invade Blakemore Field to trounce the Poteau Pirates, 19-12.





Outdoors, Cheryl Johnson finds a City Park residence with colorful flowers, and greenery the perfect place for study.



Students take time out for leisure

"A Time for Keeping" was the football homecoming theme of 1977. Time is worth keeping to students of VBHS. As the clock chimes, days of student life in high school end for seniors, continue for juniors, and begin for sophomores.

Seniors begin to prepare for the responsibility of their future, juniors are awaiting the big event, graduation, and sophomores enjoy the thought of only two years to go.

Representing VBHS takes up a great deal of time from its dedicated students. The musical girls singing line, the Treblettes travel the community to entertain townspeople. Politicians greet some students to keep in touch with how young people are growing up.

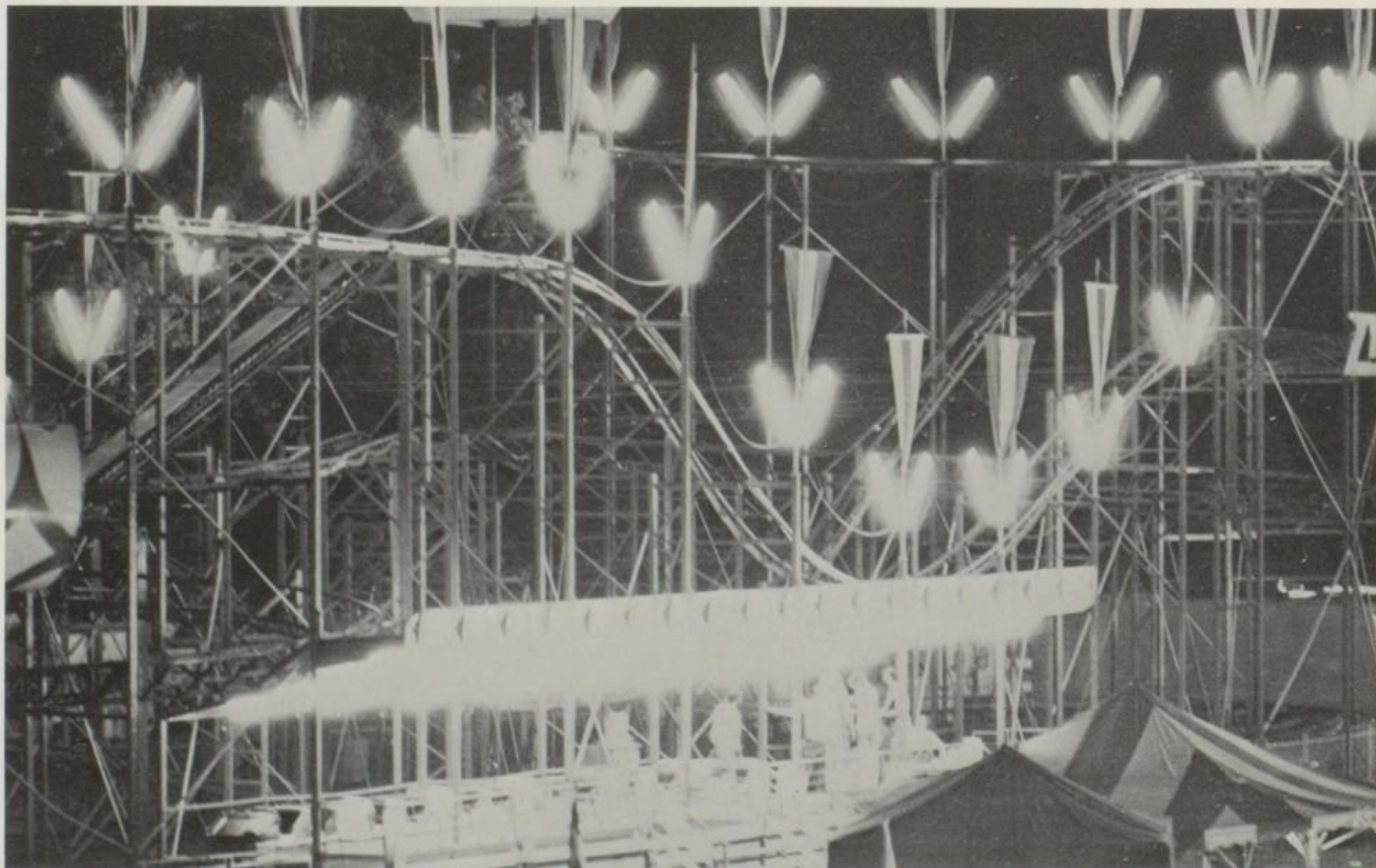
Time also plays an important role in lunch hours, breaks, and the after school rehearsals for the different organizations at VBHS.

Almost everyone enjoys the time spent at VBHS. Struggling in the line at the concession stand, screaming out your spirit at pep rallies and still trying to buckle down and study.

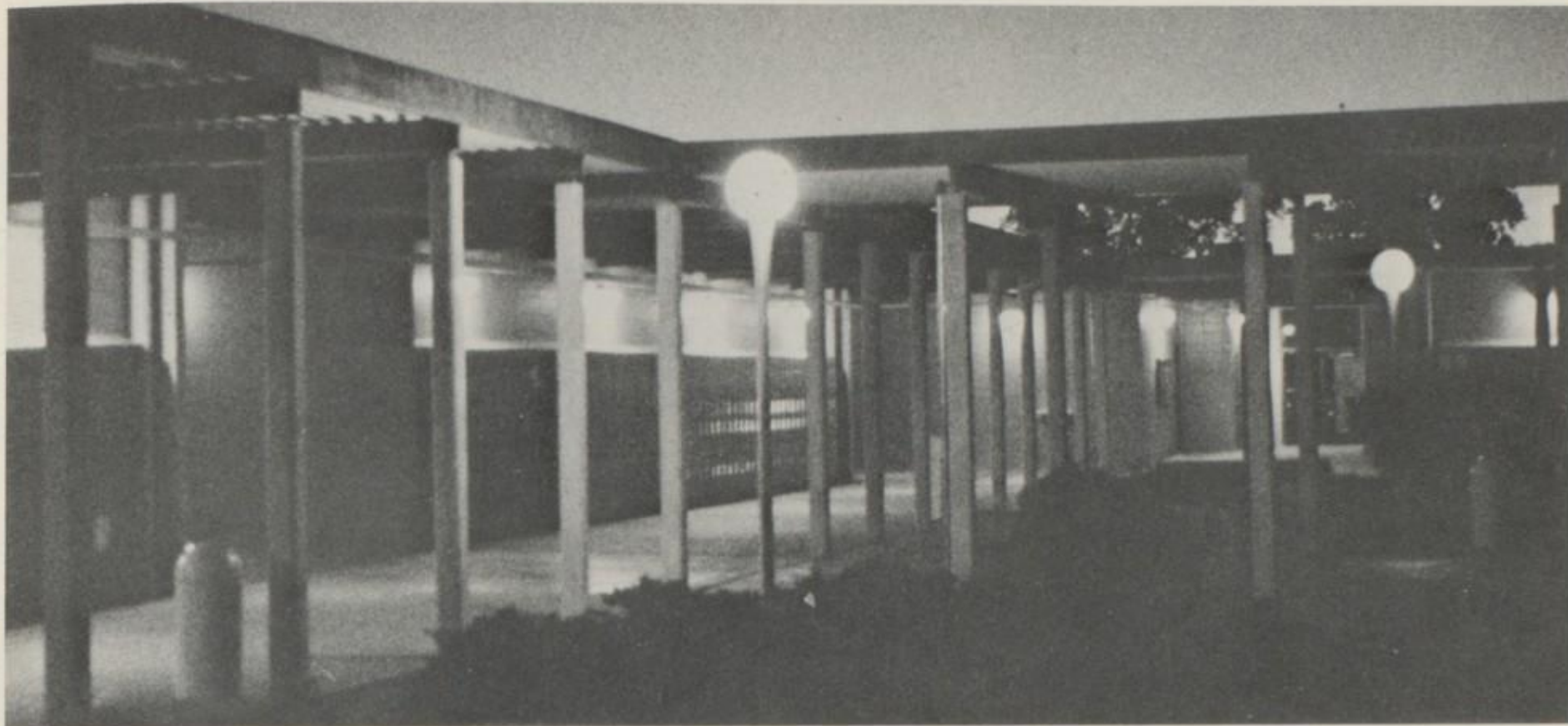
When all adjustments are made, and preparations planned, students need a little Time out for themselves.



Mr. Bill Colvard, chemistry teacher, instructs one of his classes as they fly paper airplanes that were built for students to better understand the make-up of atoms.



Shimmering lights brighten the week of Sept. 23-30 for Van Buren students attending the Arkansas-Oklahoma District Fair. A popular ride for the students is the Zykline, a roller coaster newly added to the fair sites.



A gloomy night, empty courtyard, and glowing lights express a note of melancholy at Van Buren High School. Silent and quiet time for everyone is needed after a long day with Mrs. Barlow, Mr. Scarbrough, Mr. Hughes, and Miss Metro.



Junior Kevin Crosson, vice president of the Chess Club, makes his final decision.



Carol Bigler and her escort dance to "Boogie Nights" in the 1977 Junior-Senior Prom.



Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, R. C., pastries, potato chips, nuts, and candy are some of the things sold in the concession stand. Sponsored by the Student Council, the concession stand is run by Student Council members during lunch and break periods.



Excitement is shown in the faces of Queen Denise Gramlich and her court with escorts as they participate in 1977-'78 Football Homecoming festivities. Left to Right, sophomore Michelle Knoles, escort Vint Bell; junior Lucy Kelly, escort Dale Mann; senior Besty Ballard, escort Mike Brooks; senior Denise Gramlich, escort, Tim Rowland; senior Liz Quoss, escort Tommy Strickland; senior Theresa Titsworth, escort Roland Hawking; junior Leslie Watts, escort Jerry Poague; and sophomore Theresa Overbey, escort David Scott.



Treblettes participate in Homecoming festivities by singing the theme song "Time in a Bottle." Left to right are Teresa Glass, Donna Whitmire, Becky Noel, Terri Akins, Sarah Hays, Jeana Parrish, Trena Gilbert, Sheila English, and Shelly Orsbun.

Students take pride in participation



Van Buren students participate in political activities with Attorney General Bill Clinton during a political rally at Lake Lou Emma.



Above: Junior Craig Hobson practices his outstanding piano talents in the leisure of his home.

Right: Juniors Lucy Kelley, Bob Edwards, and Donald Atkinson decorate their float for the 1978 Homecoming mini-parade. The theme was "A Time for Keeping."



Individuality airs interests

Dedication, willingness, ability! Expression of interest in Pointer land. Individuality gives its own sense of pride to the campus of VBHS.

Music makes up a large part of students' mental attitudes. Senior Jimmy Kelly is really ready to "boogie" with anybody who walks by. Band members, music students, and other individuals participate in musical activities.

Sports adds to the high spirits of other VBHS students. Coach Don Dixon's pep

talks, Senior tailback Mark Douglas and his "lightning legs," and of course the thrill of achieving a win in any game.

Academics also plays a great role in the individual student. College-bound students preparing themselves for real adult-life outside of student life. Speaking foreign languages, learning to type and cope with everyday business affairs.

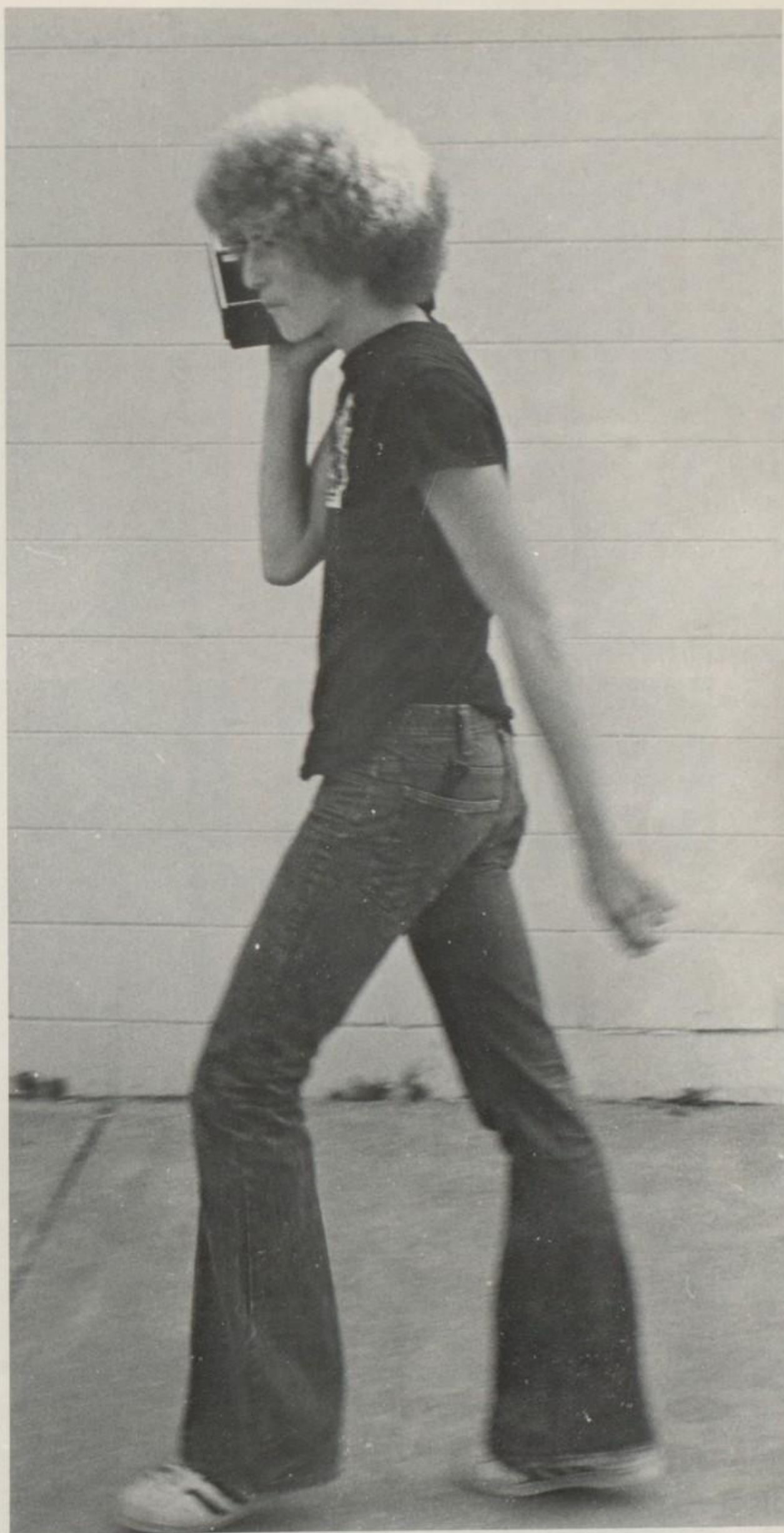
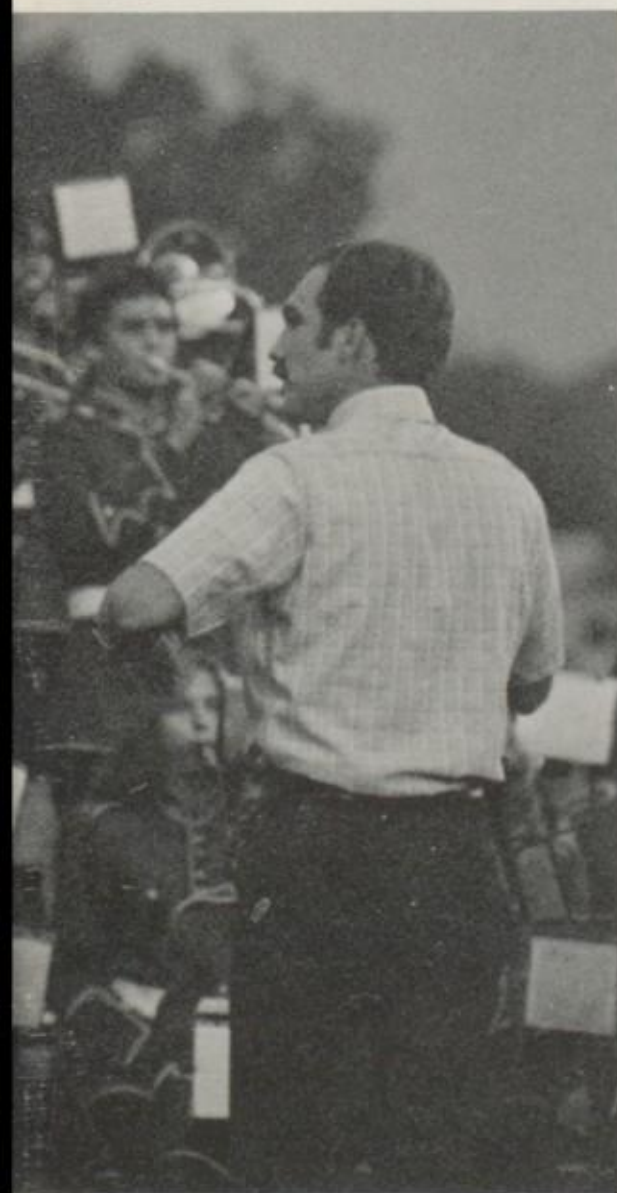
Individuality remains from the beginning of life at VBHS, through graduation, and even past our 10-year reunions.



Senior Betsy Ballard works on increasing her speed on one of forty new IBM Selectric typewriters purchased this year.



Steve Workman directs VBHS number one band.



"Floating-on" down the hall, senior Jimmy Kelley dances to his tape recorder.

Chants, sign-making, parade help promote spirit

Enthusiastic yells, busy-body student, and sign-making parties were common sights in 1977-'78. Students had much to support as the Pointers represented the 4-AAA conference in the state play-offs.

Homecoming, too, was "high-spirited" while the Pointers surprised the high-ranked Rogers Mountaineers with a 29-0, everything but blue victory.

Spirit sprang up all around. The mini-parade was "spiced up" with a new float contestant from the Spanish classes.

Denise Gramlich added beauty to spirit as football homecoming queen Oct. 14.

Echoes of the Pointer fight song sounded as quarterback Vint Bell and split-end Delmar Parks connected with many touchdown passes. Tailback Mark Douglas excited Pointer fans many times with his 60 and 85 yard touchdown runs.

The indomitable Pointer spirit that began with a touchdown pass from Senior Vint Bell to Junior Delmar Parks at the Van Buren-Alma game will continue until the last senior receives his diploma at Blakemore Field.



Junior Jerry Jones, student in VBHS' first Spanish class, pulls the Spanish float which won second place in the mini-parade.



Denise Gramlich is crowned queen at Blakemore Field.



Seniors Vint Bell and Mark Douglas run a successful hand-off play in the Poteau game.

Cindy takes crown

Glowing shades of red and silver not only covered the gym but eight girls saw flashes of these colors and many more during the delayed basketball homecoming festivities.

Senior Cindy Lovelady earned the crown through the votes of the Van Buren High School student body. Cindy wore a pale blue floor-length dress. She was a member of the varsity basketball team. Cindy was escorted by Jerry Poague.

Maid of Honor is senior Marsha Johnson: Marsha, too, is a member of the varsity basketball team. She wore a yellow floor length dress. Marsha was escorted by John Steward.

Senior maids were Sarah Hays and Linda Robinson. They were members of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. Sarah wore a blue floor-length dress, and was escorted by Ricky Spoon. Linda wore a red floor-length dress and was escorted by Joe Ray Jones.

Junior maids are Carrie Loyd and Vivian Breeden. They were members of the varsity basketball team. Carrie wore a green floor-length dress and was escorted by Mark Elkins. Vivian wore a red floor-length dress and was escorted by Jimmy Kelley.

Sophomore maids were Mary Johnston and Lisa Yerby. They are members of the varsity basketball team. Mary wore an off-white floor-length dress and was escorted by John Hardcastle. Lisa wore a pink floor-length dress and was escorted by Mark Douglas.

"You're in my Heart" was the theme for the coronation and the dance.

Senior, Mike Brooks, Student Council president, served as MC at the pep rally.

Vince Yerby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Yerby of Van Buren, carried the crown and Misty Cone, daughter of Coach and Mrs. Benton Cone, carried the flowers.

Coach Benton Cone presented Queen Cindy with the flowers, and principal Bill Mitchell presented the crown.



Principal Bill Mitchell crowns Cindy Lovelady as the 1978 Basketball Homecoming Queen.



The 1978 Basketball Homecoming court is left to right, sophomore Mary Johnston, escort John Hardcastle, junior Carrie Loyd, escort Mark Elkins, senior Sarah Hays, escort Ricky Spoon, Maid of Honor Marsha Johnson, escort John Steward, Queen Cindy Lovelady, escort Jerry Poague, flower girl Misty Cone, senior Linda Robinson, escort Joe Ray Jones, junior Vivian Breeden, escort Jimmy Kelley, crownbearer Vince Yerby, sophomore Lisa Yerby, and escort Mark Douglas.



Van Buren High School students enjoyed the nine-day vacation they received, compliments of Mr. Weather during January and February. The students got out first for snow at 1:00 on a Wednesday afternoon and for several days stayed home and drank hot chocolate, played cards and built snowmen. The students were required to make up eight of the nine days as they were allotted one snow day for 1977-78. Some of the make up days were scheduled on Saturdays and some of them during the pre-scheduled spring break.



VBHS students agree with weather changes



During their lunch break on one warm Tuesday afternoon many students found studying, rushing to class, goofing off, and merely gazing at the surrounding people the thing to do. Van Buren students attended school through three of their five days during spring break, due to an unexpected snowfall in January and February.



Council plans 1978 a successful year

The Van Buren High School Student Council has 24 active members. Mr. Walter Rockwell and Mrs. Linda Gant sponsor the Council and all its activities.

The 1977-78 Student Council went to Boston, Massachusetts for the annual national convention.

Under the direction of president Mike Brooks, the Council purchased a school van. The van is to be used for athletic trips and school business trips. The total cost of the van was 7,678 dollars. The Student Council also sponsored football and basketball homecoming, and worked on revising the school constitution. To help meet the cost of their sponsored activities, the Council operated the concession area.

Since 1974, the Van Buren High School Student Council has been elected state president, vice-president, and three times elected, secretary-host. (More than any other school in this state.)

1977-78 Student Council officers include: Mike Brooks, president; Tommy Strickland, vice-president; Jennifer Organ, secretary; and Karen Fritts, treasurer. Together the council officers and its members strive to improve student-teacher relationships, promote general welfare for the school, and improve the school morale.



Senior Mike Brooks reads the official announcements as one of his presidential duties.



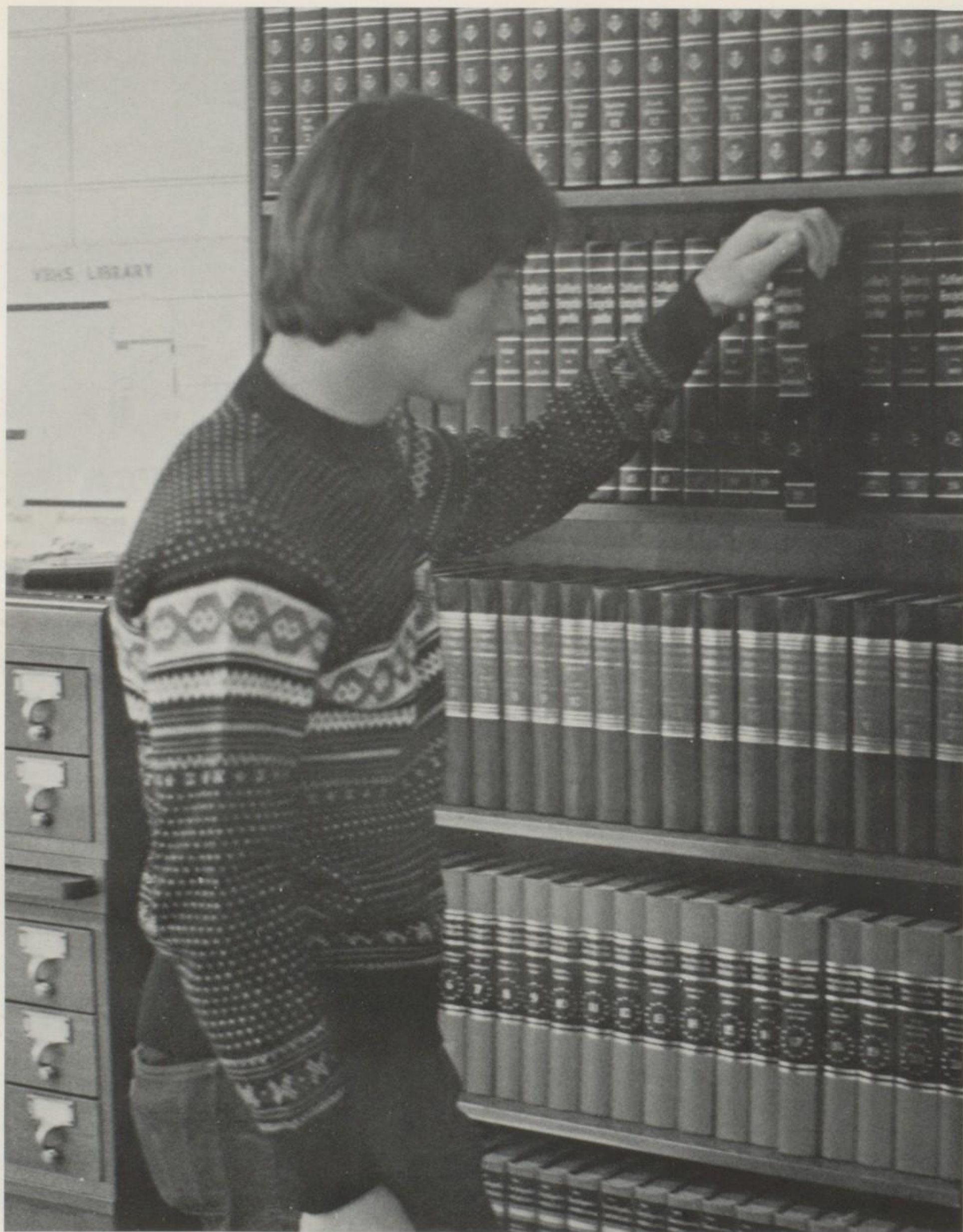
Senior Council member Wade Lollis takes a break from his daily duties at school and to the Student Council to relax and get "into" some of his favorite music.



The Student Council includes: left to right, front row, Mike Brooks, president; Tommy Strickland, vice-president; Jennifer Organ, secretary; Karen Fritts, treasurer; and Betsy Ballard, chaplain. Row 2, Lisa Yerby, Cheryl Batchelor, Becky Green, Kristen Howell, Perry Duncan and Kelly Kennedy. Row 3, Linda Robinson, Cheryl Hudson, Andy Lyons, Sarah Hays, Melinda Stephens and Wade Lollis. Row 4, John Holland, Lee Smithson, Jeff Swearingen, Barry Coles, Cindy Patton and Pam Key.



Senior Council member Wade Lollis expresses his opinion during an executive meeting while Mike Brooks, Betsy Ballard, and Jennifer Organ await response.



National Honor Society member Jerry Poague, senior, looks over the encyclopedia while doing research for a term paper.



Senior Sarah Hays smiles while being tapped by Honor Society member Betsy Ballard. Sarah along with others were inducted in the early fall.

National Honor Society, bigger, better than ever

The National Honor Society is a group of students of high scholastic achievement. The some 64 members are urged to maintain a 3.0 grade point during their induction time to the termination of their high school years.

A requirement for the honor society, other than a high grade point is attendance at Van Buren High for at least one semester. Further eligibility is considered on their service, leadership, and character.

National Honor Society was formed in 1919. The Van Buren chapter was chartered in 1933, and has remained active ever since. President Cheryl Batchlor, along with other officers: vice-president, Linda Robinson, secretary, Cindy Lovelady and treasurer, Denise Gramlich, lead the group with enthusiasm and encouragement. Sponsor Mrs. Emma Posey, also study hall advisor, aids them during the spring and fall inductions. A reception is held for the parents of the honored students preceding each induction.

Other than the inductions, the club funds a scholarship, helped by a paper product drive for the Zion Foster Home. A Christmas party is also sponsored for the home. The National Honor Society members serve as ushers for all senior activities during the spring.



The National Honor Society includes: left to right, front row, Mrs. Emma Posey, sponsor, Cheryl Batchelor, Linda Robinson, Cindy Lovelady and Denise Gramlich. Row 2, Nga Nguyen, Leann Loyd, Jeana Parrish, Kelley Miller, Martha Clegg, Julie Thomas, Lesia Dunn and Lucy Kelley. Row 3, Karla Rogers, Debbie Khilling, Helen Calos, Theresa Tittsworth, Melinda Stephens, Vivian Breeden, Lucy Fowler, Mitzi Jenkins, Mark Schmidt and Gina Rogers. Row 4, Debbie Cooskey, Sarah Hays, Shelia English, Betsy Ballard, Gina Keith, Debbie Swopes, Jeanie Rimmer, Joyce Hailes and Janice White. Back Row, Gray Smithson, Mark Hladky, Jerry Le, Ricky Brown, Joe-Ray Jones, Mark Elkins, Jerry Poague, Barry Coles, Mike Brooks and Chris Evans.



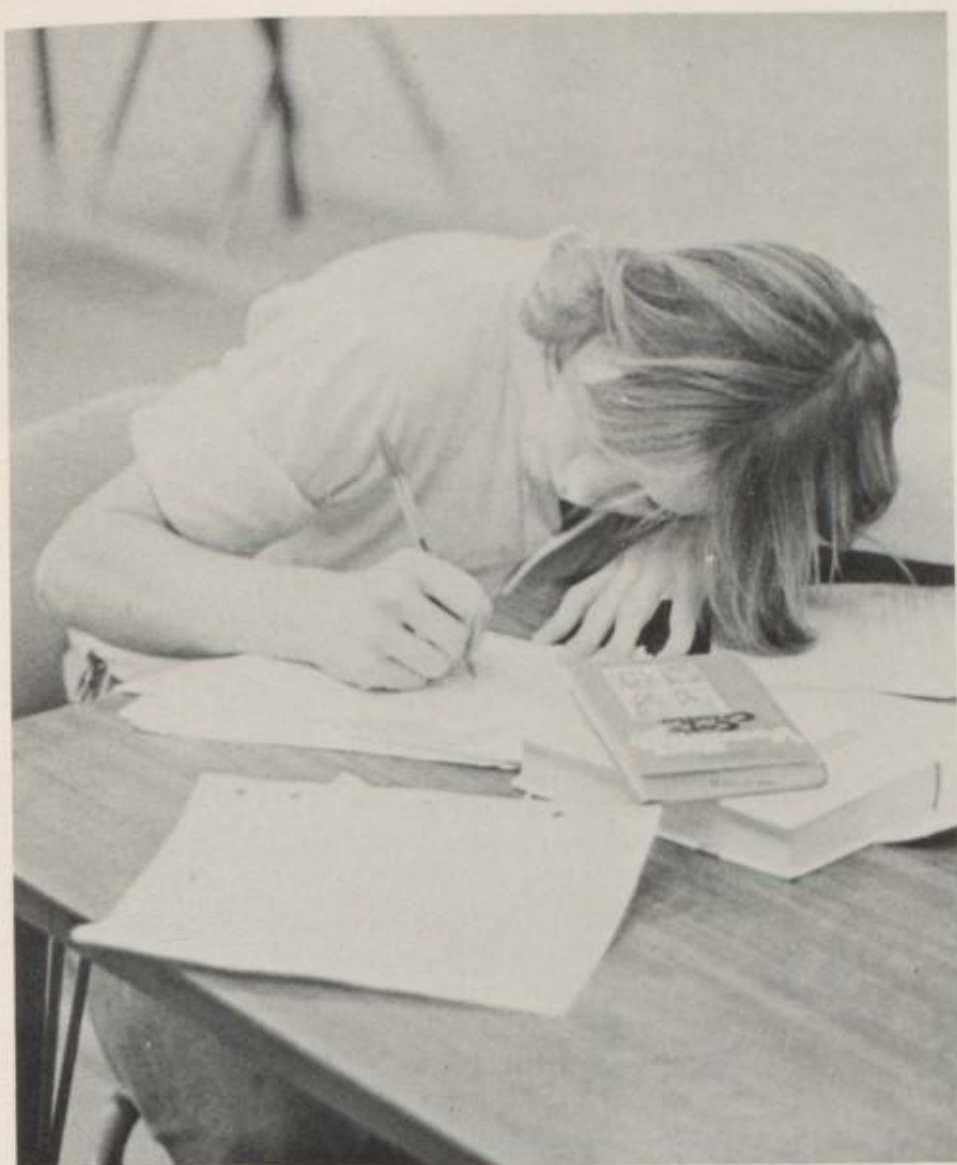
Office Workers include: left to right, front row, Angie Gooch, Sherry Underwood, Lisa Dunn, Cathy Hudson and Cheryl Bufkin. Row 2, Cheryl Batchelor, Stacy Harris, Karen Fritts, Sabrina O'Kelley, Kristen Howell, Terri Watkins and Dawnett Doss. Row 3, Donna Marion, Pam Pilgram, Brenda Medlock, Kim Hamlin, Linda Robinson and Joyce Hailes. Back row, Diane Niss, Betsy Ballard, Melissa Griffin, Teresa Glass, Patricia Gambel, Tracy Dyer and Wade Lollis.



Sophomore office worker Cheryl Bufkin collects Mr. James Faught's absentee.



Junior office worker Brenda Medlock takes a telephone message for Mrs. Ann Telaar during fourth period. Brenda is one of the many students who assist in the office during their study hall hours.



Junior Scott Graves grades papers for Miss Mary Maude Gallaghers Spanish classes.

Students aid teachers, administration by skills

Office workers and teachers aides play a big role as they aide the administration and faculty with their spare hours of their eight-hour day at Van Buren High School.

Busy, busy, busy seems to echo through the air as the eight o'clock bell rings. Office workers relaying messages for excused absences while Mrs. Ann Telaar and Mr. James Flenor rush to sign tardy and absentee slips. Selling supplies to those "last minute" minds is also a duty for office workers.

Meanwhile, Mr. Walter Rockwell's aides stock the concession stand and deliver personal messages to students.

But there is not all hard work to this elective as started this year a new annual event, the counselors workers gave a Christmas feast in Mr. Rockwell's and Mrs. Webb's office.

Being a teachers aide or an office worker also gives the students, teachers, counselors, and administration the opportunity to get to know one another further than just a student-teacher, classroom relation.



Teacher's aides includes: left to right, front row, Sherry Underwood, Angie Gooch, Leann Loyd, Carrie Marion, Sonia Anderson, Wanda Williams, Scott Graves, Kristen Howell, Kerri Bennett, Jan Hawkins. Row 2: Cheryl Batchlor, Donna Rowe, Steve Ragsdale, Eddie Keece, Carol Bigler, Janice White, Shelia English, Cindy Lovelady, Becky Graham, Karla Rogers, Perry Duncan. Row 3: Lisa Robinson, Debbie Khiling, Karen Fritts, Kim Hamlin, Lisa Lehn, Linda Robinson, Pam Pilgram, Terri Watkins, Cindy Strebel, Wade Lollis. Back row: Betsy Ballard, Pam Key, Patsy Corbell, Ronald Flanagan, Mark Douglas, Joe-Ray Jones, Alan Williams, Lance Kordis, Debbie Swopes, Chris Evans, Joyce Hailes.

1977-78 flag corps gets warm welcome



Leland Barclay
John Harris

Lisa Heiss
Richard Kimberly
Lance Kordis



The Pointer band also showed their pride by representing Van Buren in all but two games of the regular season and all but one play-off game. For half-time shows, they started practicing in mid-August.

Van Buren once again attended two marching contests. The first was the Russellville halftime-show contest. They received a superior rating, the first step toward the coveted Sweepstakes Award, given to bands that make a first division in all region sponsored contests. The Camden Invitation Contest was next; the band responded with another superior rating against much stiffer competition. This was the first year for the new show band type drill incorporated by band director Ron Brammer. This show featured percussionists and the new flag corps.

The flag corps was another first for the Van Buren High School Band. Mr. Steve Workman, the new assistant director, was in charge of organizing and choosing the corps. It consisted of eight band members. He also patterned the flag drills to fit the band drills.

Mr. Workman in cooperation with Mrs. Linda Gant, librarian, purchased films to help with next years drills.

Eight girls were chosen as majorettes with Charles Curry leading as drum major. These nine band members carried the responsibility of leading the band, and a lot of

extra practice was put in to assure them of success.

After marching season, students began working on All-Region material. In 1977-78 Van Buren had 49 try-outs with 46 making All-Region Band. Of these, 15 were qualified to try out for All-State Band with 12 being successful.

The Van Buren High School Pointer Band in the past years has brought back many illustrious awards. This was true once again in 1977-78.

The band received an added honor in 1977-78 after receiving "best in class" at the Six Flags over Georgia contest last May. They were invited to perform at the twenty-second annual Southern Instrumental Conductors Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. Van Buren, one of six bands chosen from the midwest and southern states to perform a 45-minute concert, was the only one from Arkansas.

The week before leaving for Mississippi the band gave a preview performance for the public in the senior high gym. The following Wednesday the band left for Hattiesburg to play on Feb. 10 for interested junior high, senior high, and college students and 500 instrumental music teachers.



Band Queen Court for 1977 are, left to right, Carolyn Parks, Debbie Swopes, Queen Lisa Heiss, Jeannie Rimmer, Cheryl Johnson, and Elizabeth McFadden, all seniors.



Senior Drum Major Charles Curry stands proud to represent the Pointer band.



Senior Lisa Heiss was crowned 1977-78 Pointer band queen during the Van Buren-Greenwood game on September 23. The Pointers suffered their only loss conference to the Bulldogs.



Cheryl Johnson
Kelley Miller
Carolyn Parks

Jeannie Rimmer
Debbie Swopes



Band Council includes front row, left to right, Sotonya Gregory, Leland Barclay, Elizabeth McFadden, Martha Clegg, Susan Oliver, Charles Curry and Kelley Miller. Back row, Wayne Griffin, Jennifer Ray, Carolyn Parks, Debbie Swopes, Cindy Lowder, Cheryl Johnson and Brad McKnowin





Saxophones and Double Reeds include: left to right, front row, Cheryl Johnson, Jeanie Rimmer, Karen Hopkins and Ronnie Hodges. Back row, Barry Coles, Lynda Lopez, Dayna Fisher, Jon Ellis, Jeannie Powell and B. J. McCoy.



Squad Leaders include: left to right, front row, Cheryl Johnson, Lisa Heiss, Debbie Swopes, Elizabeth McFadden and Kelley Miller. Back row, Charles Curry, John Harris, Richard Kimberly, Lance Kordis and Leland Barclay.



Majorettes include: left to right, Jenny Rouw, Debbie Cudd, Cathy Baldrige, Carree Pendleton, Sotonya Gregory, Jennifer Ray and Robin Myers.



The Flag Team includes; left to right, front row: Robin Meyers, Cathy Baldridge, Jenny Rouw and Carree Pendleton. Row 2, Cheryl Johnson and Jeanie Rimmer. Row 3, Karen Hopkins and Ronnie Hedges.



Band Officers include; left to right, front row, Jennifer Ray, Cheryl Johnson, and Kelley Miller. Row 2, Leland Barclay and Charles Curry.

Pointer band sees bigger challenges



Percussion includes, left to right, Leland Barclay, Linda Gatlin, Leanna Jones, Charles Curry, and Roy Marshall.



Trombones, Baritones, Tubas left to right, front row, Jerry Jones, Brad McKown, Richard Kimberly, Darrell Stephens. Back row, Roger Stratton, Steven Leonard, Ron Green, Kevin Crosson, Ken Williams, Damon Morland, Lance Kordis and Ricky Wells.



French Horns, Trumpets left to right, front row, Brian Jeremiah, Ronnie Moore, Robby McBayer, Kelly Miller. Back row, Ronnie Isam, Roger Dougan, John Harris, Wayne Griffin, and Randy Graham.



Flutes and piccolos include, left to right, front row, Jenny Rouw, Martha Clegg and Lisa Heiss. Row 2, Sotonya Gregory, Robin Myers, Karen Hemphill, and Jennifer Ray.





Clarinet Choir Front Row left to right, Teri Brewer, Jackie Hall, Carolyn Bules, Elizabeth McFadden, Tammy Watkins, and Cathy Baldrige. Row two, Susan Oliver, Carolyn Parks, Debbie Cudd, Raylene Maxwell, and Carrie Pendleton. Back row, Cindy Lowder, Carol Wescott, Ellie Parrish, Lisa Kordis, Debbie Swopes, and Pam Sparks.



The Pointer Band put in many summer hours to get "tuned" for marching season.

Stationery notes bring piano to music

From year to year things change. For the VBHS music department there was plenty of variety in the 1977-78 school year.

The grand addition this year was the new Baby Grand K. Kawai piano. The piano is baby blue and cost \$3850 dollars.

To raise money for the piano and other expenses, the music classes had three money-makers. First they sold stationery products which brought in around \$800 dollars. Another project conducted by the choirs annually was the selling of Texas Manor Fruit Cakes. Both business expeditions were held in the fall.

The yearly fall variety show was really starlike. The theme was "Star Wars". More students than ever before were involved in the performance. The show is known as Season's Vibrations, and the music department raised approximately \$500 dollars from morning and night performances on Oct. 6.

The music students raised a total of \$1,300 on all three projects. They paid \$1,200 dollars on the new piano and the school paid the balance. The music department will gradually pay back the difference to the school.

As every year the Sophomore Girls' Glee Club, Junior-Senior Girls' Glee Club and the Mixed Chorus participated in region festivities. This year the performances were held in Fayetteville at the University of Arkansas. The festival was held on March 3. The singers also participated in the state festival, on April 6, at the University of Central Arkansas.

Music classes bring opportunities for individual achievements. Nov. 12, All-Region tryouts were held at Fayetteville High School. With hard work and determination, VBHS placed eight choral music students out of twenty-one, representing our school. The All-Region choir members are seniors, Sarah Hays, Shelia English, Becky Noel, Clayton French and Linda Wilburn, juniors Jeana Parrish and Tony Kendig. Julie French was the only sophomore contender. All-Region choir was held Jan. 2 at Arkansas Tech in Russellville.

Students to try out for All-State were Sarah Hays, Shelia English, Becky Noel, Clayton French and Tony Kendig. Tryouts were held at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway on Feb. 3 and 4. The following week on February 16, through 18, State Choir was held for those who were selected.

The Treblettes had a very busy year. They had many engagements ranging from church singing to competition at All-Region Choir. They practiced many long hours to bring forth the harmonious sounds.



Senior Denise Gramlich and Junior Tony Kendig sing as junior Craig Hobsen plays the piano for them. Tony is a member of the All-Region Choir.



Music Officers left to right, Sarah Hays, Clayton French, Lonna Sweeter, Row 2, B. J. Myers, Tammy King, Connie Marion, Denise Gramlich, Linda King, Jeana Parrish, Paula Quoss, Judy Cameron, Row 3, Carrie Marion, Brenda Medlock, Sandy Bell, Kerri Wright, Katrina Figley.



Choral music All Region members are, left to right, Jeanna Parrish, Sarah Hays, Tony Kendig, Becky Noel, Clayton French, Julie French, Shelia English, Linda Wilbourn.



Senior Clayton French practices for All-State Choir tryouts held on February 3rd and 4th. Clayton is an All-Region contender.

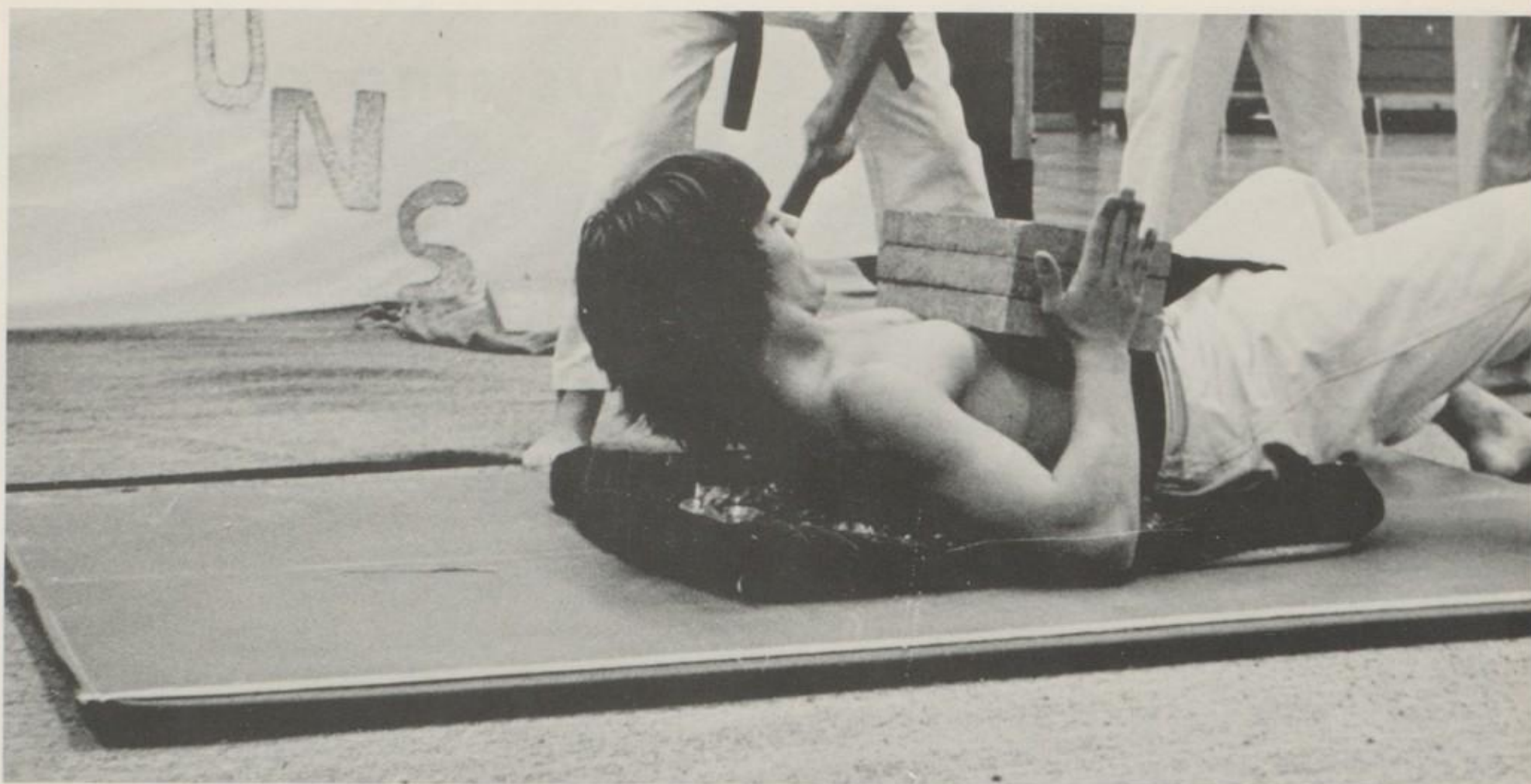
Treblettes, Mixed Chorus sing on



Treblettes include: left to right, front row, Lesa Kordis and Craig Hobson. Row 2, Shelia English, Donna Whitmire, Sarah Hays, Terri Akins, Teresa Glass, Trina Gilbert, Jeana Parrish, Becky Noel and Shelly Orsbun.



Mixed Chorus includes: left to right, front row, Lois White, Inez Deal, Tammy King, Becky Scott, Karen Justice and Judy Lloyd. Row 2, Renia Jacobs, Sandra Pigg, Dawn Wright, Lesa Kordis, Sheryl Heaston and Candy Brumley. Row 3, Sharon Gann, James Irvan, Adam Graham, John Gallagher, Bob Carter, Greg Trosper and Denise Gramlich. Back row, Shawn Fincher, Steve Vogel, Jeff Padgett, Clayton French, Craig Hobson, Tim Andrews, Carl Ward, Tony Kendig and Sandy Bell.



Junior Jerry Jones demonstrates some of his skills in Karate during the annual Seasons Vibrations show held in the Van Buren High School gym on October 6. Jerry has a black belt in Karate.



Junior-Senior Girls' Glee Club includes: left to right, front row, B. J. Myers, Carrie Marion, Patresa Branham, Shelia English, Linda King, Mindy Holt, Tammy Young and Sheila Teague. Row 2, Deanna Dyer, Coleen Hyatt, JoAnn Breeden, Laura Eddy, Shelley Orsbun, Sandra Newton, Linda Wilburn and Jeana Parrish. Row 3, Brenda Meklock, Becky Noel, Donna Whitmire, Terri Akins, Sarah Hays, Trina Gilbert, Sue Woods and Kala Davis. Back row, Cindy Lowder, Lucy Fowler, Pam Gregory, Teresa Glass, Cindy Dart, Marsha Montgomery, Mitzi Cole, Sandra Clyma and Joyce Hopkins.



Musical students display many talents



Dianna Dyer, Patresa Branham, Linda King, Sandra Clyma and Pam Gregory ride on the Chamber of Commerce float during the annual Van Buren Christmas parade with a familiar guest.



During the annual music-sponsored Seasons Vibrations junior Craig Hobson performs as an SSIK member.



Sophomore Girls Glee Club includes, left to right, front row, Sandra Belt, Angela Burgess, Lonna Swetter, Teresa Redfern, Judie Cameron, Melody Phipps. Row 2, Connie Marion, Tekie Gilbert, Kerri Wright, Rhonda Surratt, Katrina Figley, Mr. Dale Kessner, director. Row 3, Julie French, Inge Lewis, Belinda Chronister, Sandy Biggs, Cheryl Corbell, Paula Quoss.

ROTC drill team gains new uniforms

The ROTC department at Van Buren High School is one of the largest credited classes in the curriculum. Each year the department holds a Military Ball where a queen is crowned. They sell candy as a money making project. An AFI (annual field inspection) is held during the spring of each year to test the ability of the squads and squad leaders. A drill meet was held this year for the first time at Fort Chaffee on April 8. An annual Bivouac is held, also at Fort Chaffee, to familiarize the cadets with military tactics. The Bivouac is held during

the spring and is scheduled for a full weekend. The department also sells doughnuts each day to help the funds.

Jennifer Organ was crowned 1977-78 military ball queen. Maids were Paula Quoss, Carla Poole and Kelley Kennedy, sophomores, and Libby Wilson, junior. Lancy Yerby served as MC for the ball. The department added a new drill team expense this year. The all-girl group received new uniforms of a shamrock green shade which they wear on Tuesdays instead of the skirt and vest uniforms worn by other female

cadets. ROTC inspection is held every Tuesday and drills are on Tuesday and Thursday, weather permitting.

Col. David Ellis Senior Army Instructor, Sgt. Elzy Ramsey, commandant of cadets, and Sgt. Charles Holcombe, platoon sergeant are the department instructors.

Tommy Strickland serves as Lieutenant Colonel; Lesia Dunn, Major; Liz Quoss, S1 captain; Doug Cook, S2 captain; Lance Yerby S3 major and Teresa Wallace, S4 captain.



Injured during a Pointer football game, ROTC's Lt. Colonel Tommy Strickland hops up to be presented the sabre. Even though Tommy was injured temporarily, his enthusiasm, spunk and momentum for the ROTC corps were never stopped.



"A" Company includes, left to right, front row, Debbie Dye, Steve Pike, Patricia Gamble and Ricky Brown. Row 2, Monica Leyba, Bill Weidman, Kenneth Bennett, Loren Jones, Angie Johnson and Vicki Burkhardt. Row 3, David Smith, Richard Darden, James Woffard, Rodney Pless, Bill Kennedy and Ken Shackelford. Back row, Karl Lee, Tracy Bryant, Danny Parcell, Cindy Dart, Greg Keith and Ronnie Dehart.



Excellent row-by-row formation AFI begins, then ends with the honor star, an excellent rating.



Jennifer Organ smiles as Col. David Ellis fastens her robe. Jennifer served as the 1977-78 military ball queen.



Orienteering includes: left to right, Marty Schmidt, Kelly Simpson, Lance Yerby, Mack Landthrip and William Deal.



Rifle Team includes: left to right, front row, Bill Kennedy, Doug Cook, Carl Ward and Donny Hunter. Row 2, Keenan Winters, Ken Shackelford, Kelly Simpson, Johnny Key and Gary Cook. Row 3, Pepper Bourlon, Mike Altes, William Deal and Karl Lee.



Drill Team includes: left to right, front row, Liz Quoss, Vickie Burkhart, Debbie Dye and Diean Dunn. Row 2, Libby Wilson, Teresa Dye and Paula Quoss. Row 3, Angela Burgess, Delores Hopkins, Donna Center and Linda Wilburn.



Staff includes: left to right, front row, Lisa Dunn, Tommy Strickland and Lance Yerby. Row 2, Liz Quoss, Doug Cook, Teresa Wallace and Jennifer Organ.

ROTC cadets work busy schedule



Military Ball Queen Jennifer Organ and her court, left to right, sophomore Paula Quoss; sophomore Kelley Kennedy; Queen Jennifer; sophomore Carla Poole; and junior Libby Wilson.



"B" Company includes: left to right, front row, Mack Landthrip, Donald Oliver and Larry Rickettes. Row 2, Sherri Blair, Gary Workman, Mike Jones, Donny Hunter, David Thompson, Gary Cook and Carol Paxton. Row 3, Kelley Nash, Paula Quoss, Renia Jacobs, Donald Glover, Anthony Allen, Teresa Dye, Delores Hopkins and Roger Heathcock. Back row, Steve Fow, Keenan Winters, Kenney Smith, Alan Williams, Mike Altes, Victor Sallee, Daniel Johnson, Pepper Bournon, Jim Israel, and Larry Workman.



Young ROTC members fulfill one of their first drill sessions.



Colonel David Ellis gives a speech after dinner at the military ball.



"C" Company includes: left to right, front row, Fred McFeeters, Betsy Ballard, Mark Douglas, David L. Young, Wade Rogers and Les Leonard. Row 2, Clara Moore, Cathy Baldrige, Tim Organ, Carolyn Bules, David Matchett, Anita Gilcrease, Sherry Long, Kelley Kennedy, Melisa Gibson and Kay Gilcrease. Row 3, David Young, Karen Hemphill, Johnny Key, Alan McFadden, Ted Wallace, Royce Tyler, Holly Wilson and Pat Mahar. Back row, John Bell, Kelly Simpson, Matthew Carter, John Watts, Dave Cowden, Marty Schmidt and Gary Ward.



"D" Company includes; left to right, front row, Eddie Miller, Chuck Bules and Paul Standard. Row 2, Lisa Yerby, Angela Burgess, Donna Center, Ruby Rogers, Pat Brown, Carla Poole, Tasesa Wilson and Brenda Corbett. Row 3, John Tucker, Doyle McCollom, Stuart Rapier, J. Bob Adams, Danial Lamproe, Scott Williams, John Thomas and Mike Poole. Back row, Alphonso Trent, Ed Haggard, Bill Loyd, Delmar Parks, John Clotfelter, Frank Wilburn, Linda Powell and Jay Peer.



"E" Company includes: left to right, front row, Mark Adams, Terry Cockrun, Steve Sexton, Steve Tankersly, Tim Baker and David Knight. Row 2, Cheryl Bufkin, Libby Wilson, Dean Dunn, Chuch Hamilton, Linda Wilburn, Joe Clotfelter, Jerry Burkhardt, and Janice Burkhardt. Row 3, Jon Ellis, Carl Ward, Jeff Samuels, Tim O'Kelley, John Hopkins, Wayne Jones and Randy Deaton. Back row, Joe Bell, Ronnie Barclay, Andy Greenwood, Pat Cowden, Walker Harmon, William Deal, Edward Rogers and James Kath.



Distributive Ed., FHA test outside world

Future Homemakers of America was designed to help individuals improve personal, family and community living. It is sponsored by Mrs. Hazel Rogers, home economics teacher. FHA officers for 1977-78 are: Karla Rogers, president; Nancy Hudson, vice-president; Elizabeth McFadden, 2nd vice-president; B. J. Myers, secretary; Becky Scott, treasurer; Jamie Baily, reporter; Linda King, historian; Katrina Figley, song leader; and Julie French, chaplain. FHA Beau is Clayton French.

Each year the girls sponsor an initiation party, a teachers appreciation tea, a Christmas party for the Day Care Center, a mother-daughter banquet and an FHA sweetheart and her Royal court.

The Future Homemakers motto is "Toward New Horizons." This year the girls showed young children what it was like to look over new horizons. During the Christmas party for the Day Care Center, children were seen walking down the halls from class to class with FHA members singing Christmas carols. After singing, there were cookies and punch in the home economics department.

To be eligible for FHA, students must be enrolled in home economics or have had a class in home economics. 1977-78 Van Buren FHA chapter enrollment is 25.

Distributive Education clubs of America is a fast growing group at Van Buren High School. Thirty-seven DECA members are learning what the word work is all about in 1977-78.

To be enrolled in DECA a student must have at least a 2.0 grade point and a job. With employment going up faster and faster these days, the Distributive Education program has a way for students to be educated in studies and skills. DECA students must attend school for at least half a day, and then they may be dismissed for work.

To raise money for workshops and projects, the 1977-78 DECA members sold Reeses Cups.



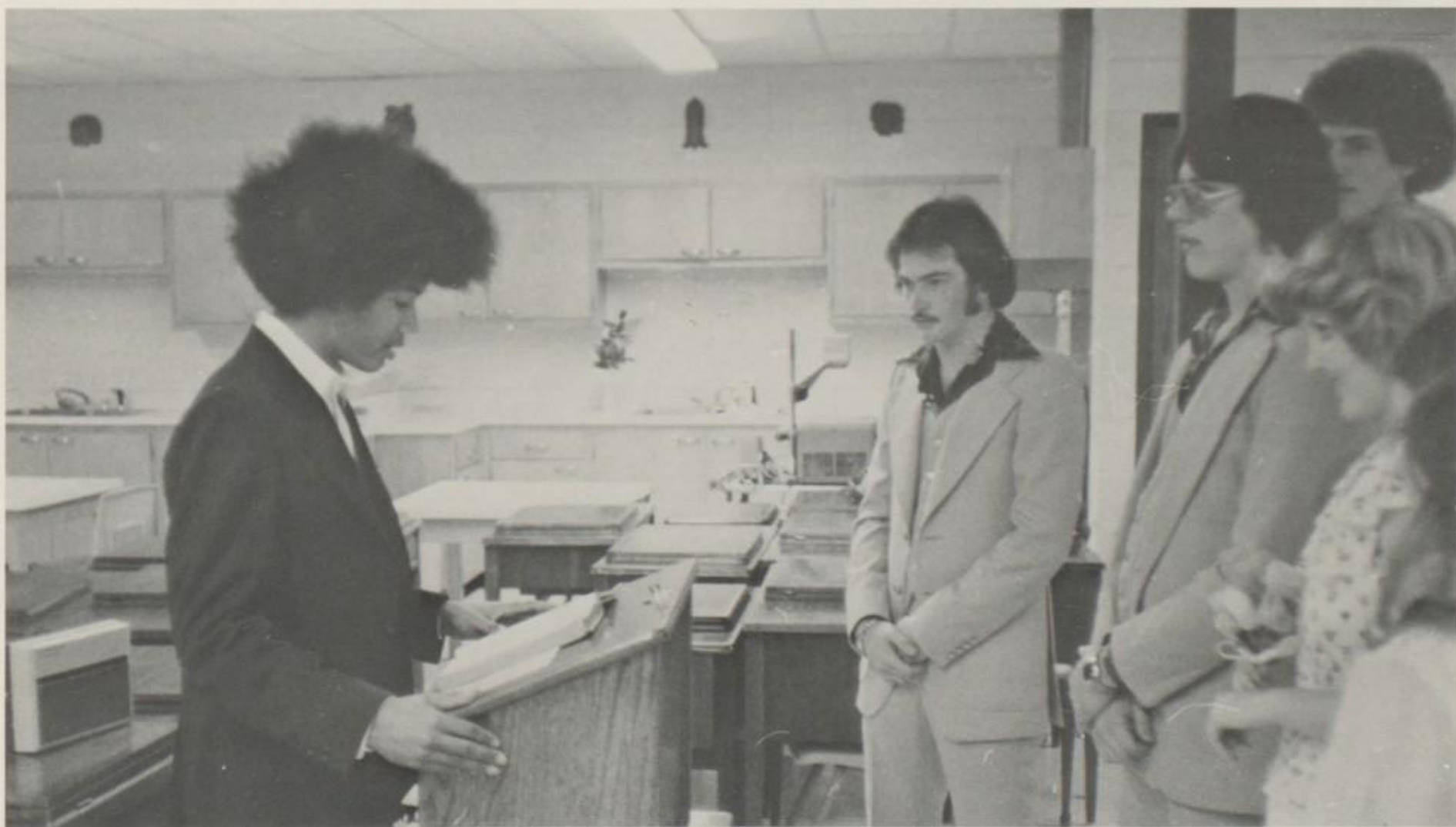
Seniors, Angie Johnson and Jim Wilson attempt to cut the wedding cake during the mock wedding reception, while James Kelly and David Knight look on.



Future Homemakers of America include, left to right, front row, Karla Rogers, Nancy Hudson, Elizabeth McFadden, B. J. Myers, Becky Scott, Linda King, Katrina Figley, and Julie French. Row 2, Mrs. Hazel Rogers, sponsor, Julia Johnson, Sherry Long, Donna Marion, Joni Brown, Tina Seal, Clayton French, FHA Beau, Patsy Corbell, Sondra Steudeman, Denise Franklin, Tonya McClarty, Theresa Canady, and Sandra Cox.



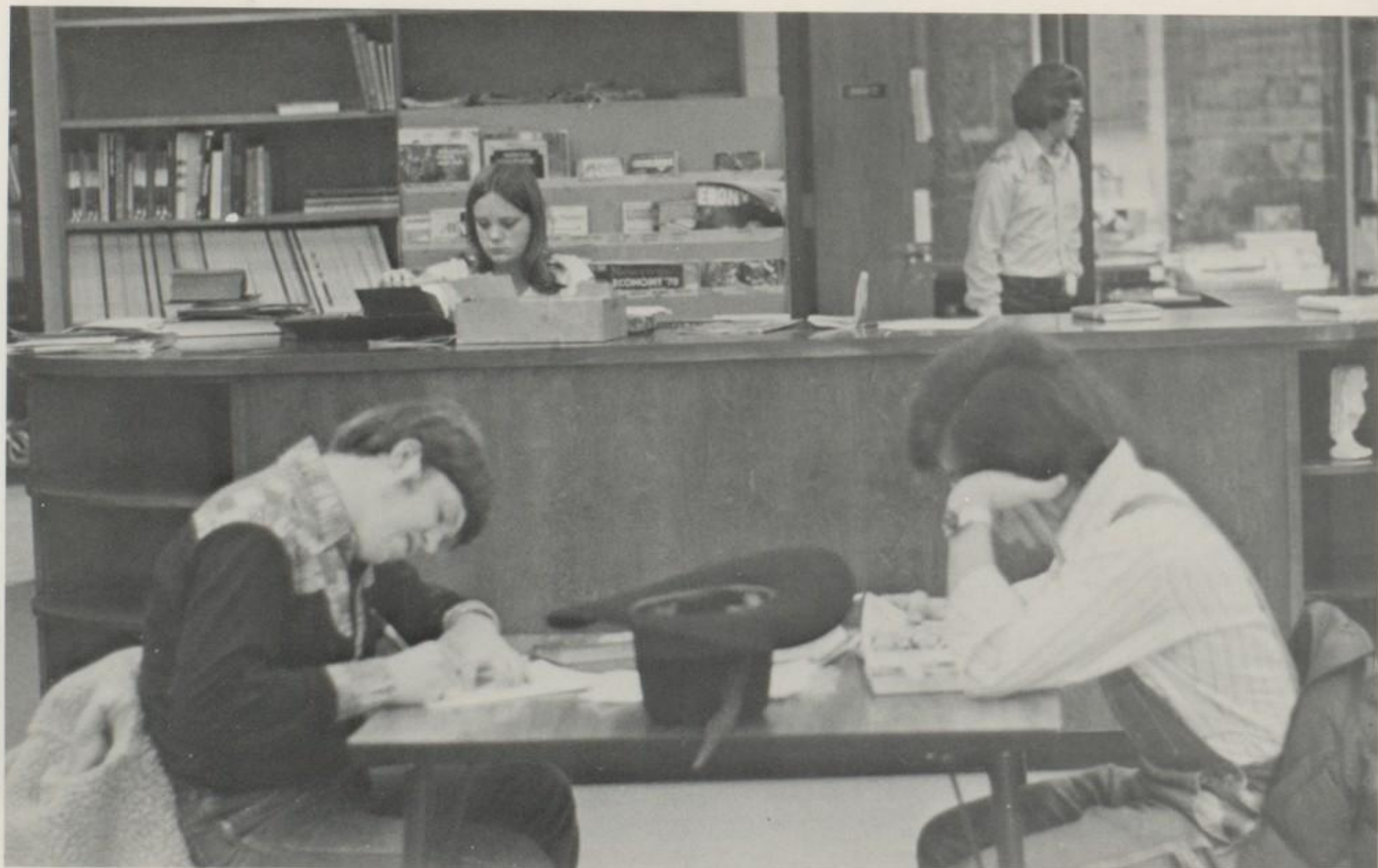
"Do you Jim Wilson take this girl to be . . ." recites senior David Knight during the mock wedding held during one of Mrs. Hazel Rogers home economics classes. The mock wedding is an annual event for the home economics students.



DECA members include: left to right, front row, Coleman Farrar, Melinda Smith, Melissa Kelton, Dana Swaim, Sandra Norrid and Randy Sallee. Row 2, Mr. Riley Whitsett, sponsor, Sonja Anderson, Randy Cockrem, Jeffery Hill, Kathy Trout, Darla Kelton, David Johns and Coleen Hyatt. Row 3, Lisa Williams, Mike Yancy, Sandy Titsworth, Debbie Mooney, Jeanette Gardner, Tammie Fischer, Steve Pitchford, Cheryl Hudson, Stanley Clark, Kenny Smith, Richard Green, Chris Dodson, Darryl McKenzie, Gene Norrid and Wade Lollis. Back row, Mike Neal, Michael Ray, Andy Walters, Roger Garrett, Victor Sallee, Joe Alexander, Clay Franklin, James Elliff and Ron Evans.



Library Workers include: Left to right, front row Judy Lloyd, Les Leonard, Tammy Martaindale, Linda King, Dean Dunn, and Mrs. Emma Posey, study hall supervisor. Row 2, Helen Calos, Jim Irvan, Dixie Hambrick, Andy Lyons, and Charles Curry. Back row, Tim Andrews, Dayna Fisher, Leon Gathie, Tracy Bryant, Donny DeHart, and Ronnie DeHart.



Seniors Richard Green and Larry Rickettes relax in the library during break and study for an upcoming test.



The Library Club includes, left to right, front row, Andy Lyons, Melissa Holton and Teresa Picco. Row 2, Cheryl Bufkin, Randy Deaton and Les Lenord. Row 3, Ronnie Dehart, Raymond Foster, Alan Williams and Donnie Dehart.



Future Teachers of America include, left to right, Jan Hawkins, Debbie Domerese, Donna Center, Kay Smotherman and Deanna Dyer.

FTA, Librarians practice responsibilities for future

Future Teachers of America is a group of students learning to see and accept the responsibilities of a teacher. Five very ambitious young women make the 1977-78 FTA.

There is a strong demand for good teachers in today's school systems with the number of students doubling each year. The group meets twice a month under the supervision of sponsor, Mr. John Rotert, English teacher, and discusses the anxieties, frustrations and hopes of becoming a teacher.

Although the group is not as large as it once was, there is not much to be denied of these strong women of tomorrow's world.

Student librarians keep the library clean, help students find the books they need, check these books out and in, and keep order in the library.

Mrs. Linda Gant is sponsor of the Library Club and supervisor of the student librarians.

The active Library Club has actually been in existence for two years. A new hope for the 1977-78 Library Club was to put together a slide program for the use of the library. Annual activities include entering the homecoming mini-float parade, a book fair, and a teacher appreciation project.

Math minds review 1977-78 picnics, tests

Picnics, mock assemblies, and National Math tests are some of the events sponsored by Mu Alpha Theta. The 11 club members were kept busy during the 1977-78 school year.

Keeping up their 3.0 average in studies, president Joe Ray Jones, secretary Janice White and other members still found time to imitate their favorite teachers in the annual "mock teachers" assembly, held in November. Some of the teachers roasted were; Mr. Don Martin, social studies teacher, Mr. Jerry Duncan, science teacher, Mr. Dale Kesner, music teacher, Miss Laquetta Bottoms, physical education teacher, and many more. Students paid 25 cents to see their favorite teachers "in action."

Van Buren High School's first Mu Alpha Theta was organized in 1969.



Mu Alpha Theta includes, front row, left to right, Joe Ray Jones, president, Mr. Ralph Hughes, sponsor, Janice White, secretary-treasurer. Second row, Lesia Dunn, Cindy Lovelady, Shelia English, Gina Rogers, Cheryl Batchelor. Back row, Betsy Ballard, Mike Brooks, Jerry Poague, Leon Gathie, Gina Keith, and Linda Robinson.



Honored math students of Mu Alpha Theta watch closely as sponsor, Mr. Ralph Hughes demonstrates the new calculator given to him at their Christmas "get together."



Chess Club includes, left to right, front row, Leland Barclay, Ronnie Barclay and Kevin Crossin. Back Row, Lance Kordis, Mike Canady and Roger Dougan.

Chess club adds chess tournament

Chess Club officers for 1977-78 include Ronnie Barclay, president, Kevin Crossin, vice president, Leland Barclay, secretary-treasurer, Barry Coles, reporter, and Lance Kordis, sergeant at arms. The five officers along with the three other members of the club meet each third Tuesday for challenges and rematches.

One of the biggest plans of the Chess Club this year was the planning of a chess tournament, involving anyone in the school wishing to participate. A great challenge for most Chess members is competing with sponsor, Mr. Jerry Duncan, science teacher. Although the students usually came away disappointed from losing, they had fun and were enlightened to more skills of playing chess by the unorthodox playing procedures of Mr. Duncan.



Junior Kevin Crossin, Chess Club vice president, makes a daring decision during a chess match with a fellow chess club member.

Developing changes, Art clubbers thrive

The 1977-78 Art Club was in full swing this year. With their annual candy sale, the department bought a \$350 kiln which is used to fire pottery. Money left over was used for members to eat at the Red Barn Steak House of Fort Smith.

Wood carving was a new experience for the art students in 1977-78. Students carved such things as knives, sail boats, their names in wood, swords, etc. Next year the department plans to purchase approximately 20 potters' wheels.

The Art Club officers are president, Karen Fritts; vice-president, Cheryl Hudson; secretary, Karen Hemphill; and treasurer, David Lopez. The four officers, along with sponsor, Mrs. Tonia Holleman, art teacher, preside over the club's 20 members.



Art Club includes: left to right, front row, Karen Fritts, Cheryl Hudson, Karen Hemphill and David Lopez. Row 2, Jo Ann Breeden, Jenise Akins, Vivian Breeden, Larry Buley and Vicki Burkhart. Row 3, Renee Hamm, Keith Montgomery, Alan Williams, Julie Cumpton and Tim Andrews. Back row, Tim Clemmons, Jim Wilson, James French, David Scott and Gary Montgomery.



Karen Hemphill, a junior art club member sketches a rough draft which was one of the many seen throughout Van Buren High School in 1977-78.



The Creative Writing Club includes, left to right, front row, Jan Hawkins, Joyce Hopkins, Melissa Holten, and Ronald Flanagan. Back row, Martha Clegg, Deanna Dyer, Debbie Cooksey, Cindy Lowder, and Mr. James Faught, sponsor.

CWC begins to open new doors

Officers for the 1977-78 Creative Writing Club include Jan Hawkins, president; Joyce Hopkins, vice president; Melissa Holten, secretary-treasurer; and Ronald Flanagan, reporter. Mr. James Faught, English teacher is the group's sponsor.

The enrollment for the 1977-78 club is eight. Creative Writing meets regularly to share interest in each other's work and to develop their talents. Students should show an interest in creative writing to enroll in this group.

The Creative Writing club was first organized in 1975. Since then Van Buren members have attended an annual workshop at Arkansas Tech for creative writing.



Creative Writing Club president Jan Hawkins adds a few extra touch-ups to her poem.

Rodeo Club remains active in school fun

The Rodeo Club was set up four years ago. The purpose of the club is to promote the interest of rodeo sports, such as barrel racing, calf roping and bronco riding.

Each year the club sponsors a donkey basketball game, held in the Pointer gym, jackpots, and local rodeos for all area schools.

Mrs. Jeri Smith, physical education teacher, sponsors the rodeo club, with Kathy Trout serving as president, Richard Green, vice-president, and Donna Marion, secretary-treasurer.



The Rodeo Club includes, left to right, front row, Kathy Trout, Richard Green and Donna Marion. Back row, Mrs. Jeri Smith, sponsor, Lisa Robinson, Wade Rogers, Renee Hamm, Joni Brown and Katrina Figley.



Junior Mark Terry participated in many of Van Buren's jackpot rodeos.



Senior Partners in Christ member Teresa Glass reads the morning scripture before announcements.

Young Christians have hectic year

Partners in Christ is a group of 40 or 50 Christians who meet every Thursday morning in room 904, the music room.

Mr. Dale Kesner, sponsor, lets the members and officers plan each meeting and projects. He furnishes free advice when needed.

Partners in Christ had two paper drives in 1977-78 for the Zion Foster Home. The first one involved the student body to help and not much was accomplished. The second drive was more successful as Partners in Christ teamed up with the Honor Society.

In December, gifts were brought and distributed at the Girls Shelter in Fort Smith.

President Gina Rogers locates different speakers for each meeting and makes sure everything goes along smoothly. The other officers include Richard Green, vice president; Clayton French, secretary; Sheila English, treasurer; and Janice White, reporter historian.



Partners in Christ includes left to right, front row, Gina Rogers, Richard Green, Clayton French, Sheila English and Janice White. Row 2, Cheryl Bufkin, Les Leonard, Leann Loyd, Carrie Marion, Linda Wilburn, Dewayne Flippin, Teresa Redfern, and Donna DeWitt. Row 3, Lois White, Katrina Figley, Sheryl Heaston, Tekie Gilbert, Tony Kendig, Lucy Fowler, Debbie Cooksey, Terri Akins, Shelley Orsbun, Lynda Lopez, and Toni Seabolt. Row 4, B. J. Myers, Patricia Gamble, Paula Quoss, Connie Bray, Joyce Hopkins, Patsy Corbell, Dwain Key, Kerri Wright, and Julie French. Back row, Chris Evans, Sandy Biggs, Teresa Glass, Cindy Dart, Ron Key, Marsha Montgomery, Belinda Chronister, Ron Rogers, and Sarah Hays.

Athletes hold meeting in hospital room

Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored by Coach Benton Cone is a group of athletes with a chance to get together and have fellowship, they learn to enjoy one another through God.

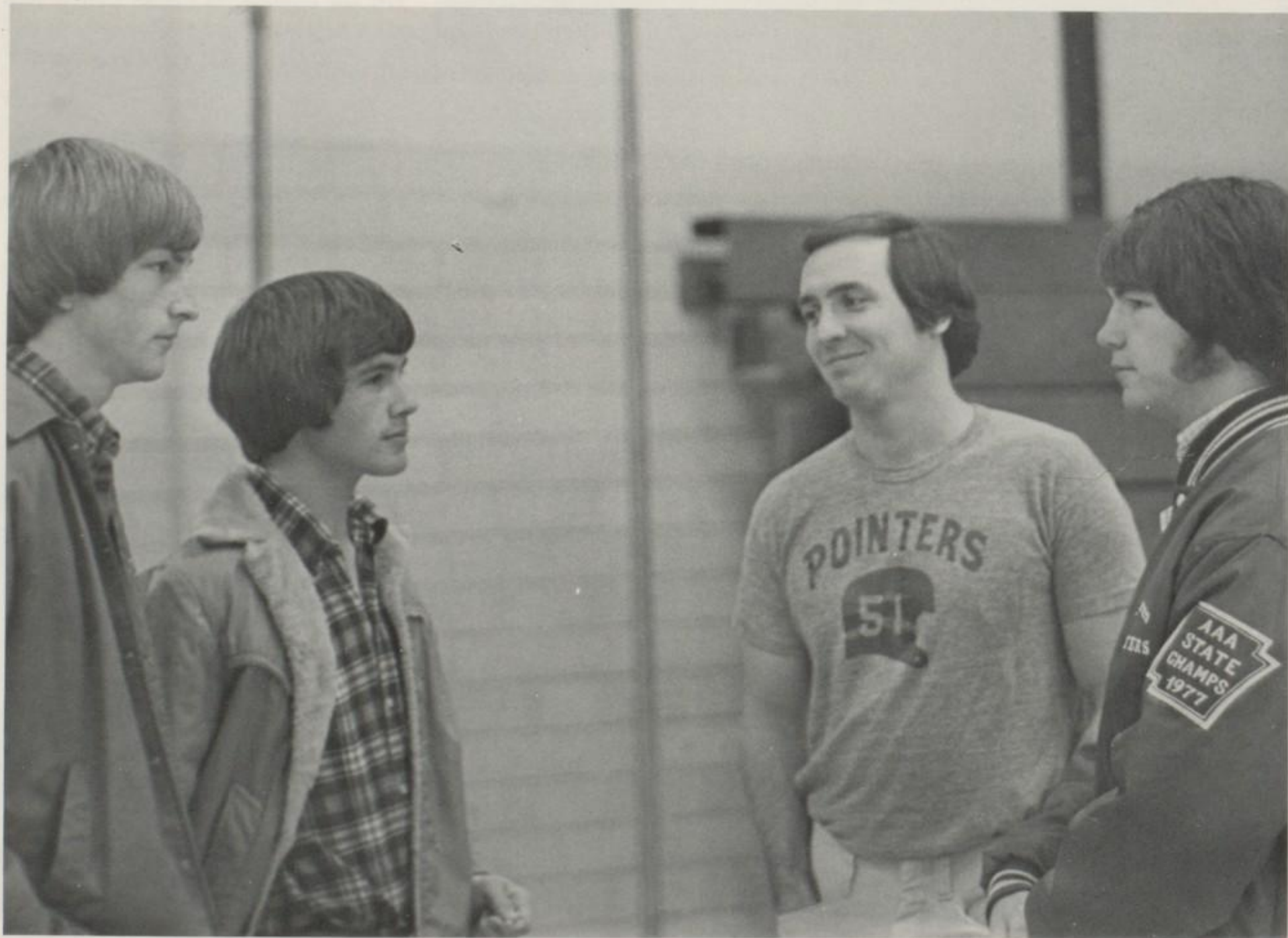
With an average of eight to twelve members the group gets alot spiritually through their meetings. The group's activities include church services, testimonies, and witnessing at different churches, best of all an FCA camp set up to meet people and share statewide fellowship.

President Mark Elkins begins each meeting with a devotional and ends with a closing prayer. Other officers include vice-president John Hardcastle and secretary-treasurer John Watts.

During the late months of 1977 the group held their Wednesday night meeting in the hospital room of club member Tommy Strickland while he was hospitalized with an injured knee during a Pointer game.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes, left to right, front row, John Watts, Mark Elkins, and Doyle McCollom. Row 2, Tommy Strickland, John Hardcastle, Craig Hubbs, and Les Leonard. Back row, Mike Brooks, David Cowden, Joe-Ray Jones, Pat Cowden, and David Scott.



FCA president Mark Elkins, vice president Johnny Hardcastle, sponsor Benton Cone, and member Mike Brooks talk over projects.

Quill and Scroll still strong from 1926

Quill and Scroll

Founded at Iowa University, in 1926, the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for high school journalists has been a part of Van Buren High School for over 24 years.

Senior, Sarah Hays presided as this year's president. Other officers were Senior Leland Barclay, vice-president, Susie Brasuell, secretary, and Joe Ray Jones, treasurer. Miss Mary Maude Gallagher serves as sponsor.

To be eligible for Quill and Scroll a student must maintain a "B" average in journalism and be in the upper one third of his class scholastically.

National Newspaper week, held Oct. 17-22, was the main project of the Quill and Scroll this year. Leland Barclay, recipient of the National Quill and Scroll award for sports writing, was speaker at the assembly.

Barclay is only the second VBHS student to win a national award from Quill

and Scroll and the first came in 1968 when Cheryl Garner received an award in news-writing.

Installation of new members was held at a banquet in early May. Last year's banquet was held at Sammy's Pizza in Fort Smith. Although students can be inducted as sophomores, they do not become voting members until their junior year in high school.

This year's society included 22 members.



Quill and Scroll includes, left to right: front row, Leland Barclay, vice-president; Sarah Hays, president; Susie Brausell, secretary; and Miss Mary Maude Gallagher, sponsor. Second row, Julie Thomas, Pam Key, Debbie Khilling, Kim Faubus, Terri Watkins and Donna Whitmire. Third row, Tina Watkins, Sue Woods, Dwain Key, Leslie Watts, Theresa Titsworth and Helen Calos. Fourth row, Gina Keith, Ron Green, Brian Jeremiah, Ronald Flanagan, Barry Coles and Chris Evans.



Quill and Scroll members await the beginning of the National Newspaper Week assembly held in the gym on Oct. 17.



The Mirrors of Our Minds Staff includes, left to right, Susie Brasuell, Tony Kendig, Jennifer Ray, Debbie Khilling, and Joyce Hopkins.

Publication staffs open larger doors

The 1977-78 publications staffs faced a world of never fantasied problems. The ever so small literary magazine, Mirrors of our Minds, staff once again published the thoughts and creations of the students minds. Students from Creative Writing Club, English classes, and others composed their priceless memories and turned them over to the journalism world to be read by the public.

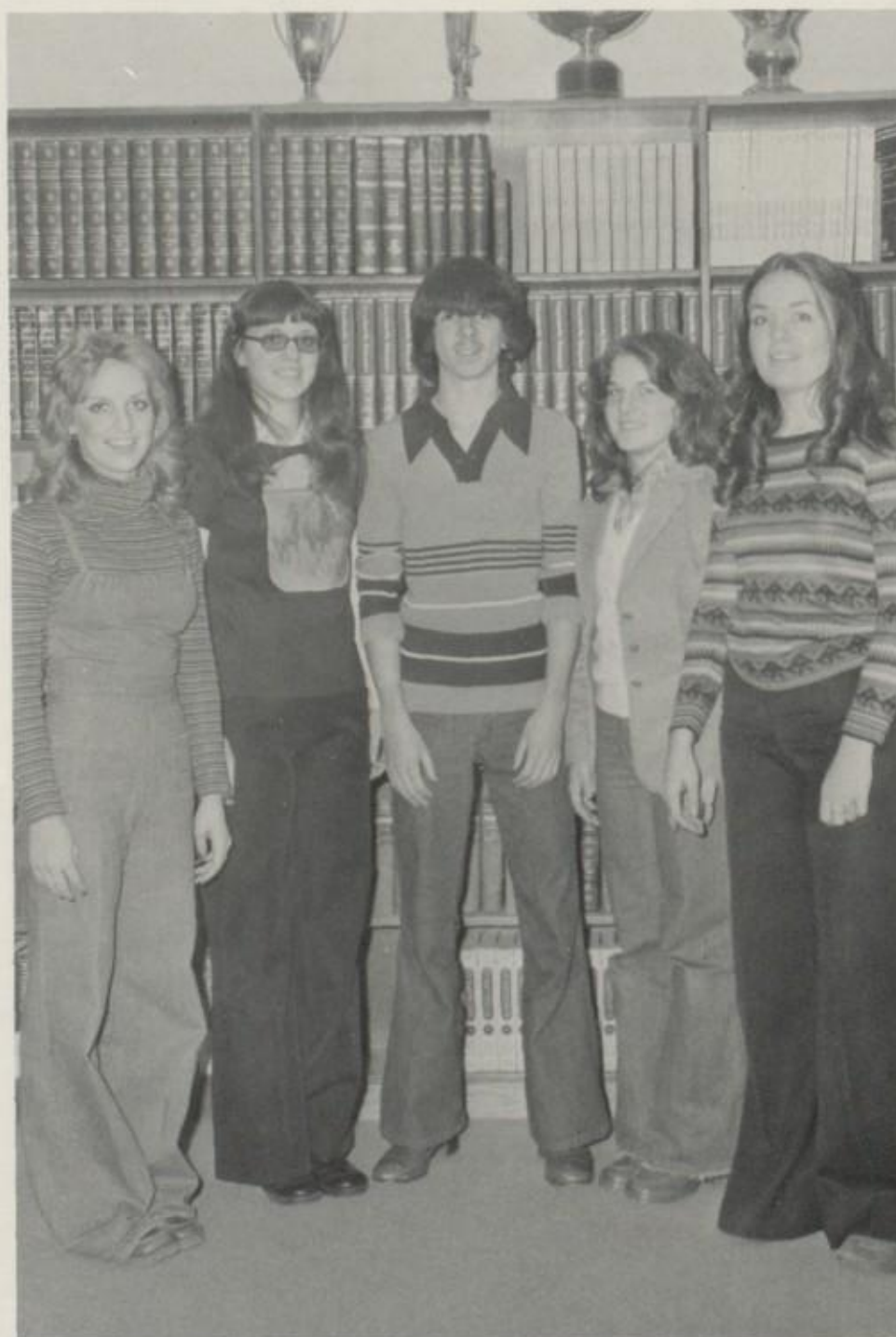
Under the supervision of Miss Mary Maude Gallagher, editor Jennifer Ray, and staff members; Susie Brasuell, Tony Kendig, Debbie Khilling, and Joyce Hopkins compiled the magazine during the 1977-78 school year.

For the first time, the Mirrors of our Minds Magazine was printed by the Courier of Van Buren and distributed with the Pointer Trail as a "special bonus" 16 page edition.

A new attraction to this years publications was the 1977-78 multi-media show. Editors, Karen Fritts and Wade Lollis and staff members, Leslie Watts, Terri Watkins, Debbie Khilling, Jennifer Ray and Pam Key produced a slide program of the 1977-78 school year, with melodies of songs such as "We Are the Champions" "Slip Sliding Away", etc., corresponding with the slides.

The Multi-Media show took the place of the annual school film, and was shown in full color.

Names, numbers, and addresses again filled the Pointer Directory, as editor Joyce Hopkins and her staff; Lynn Israel, Susie Brasuell, Leland Barclay and Kerri Bennett sorted, typed and alphabetized VBHS students and their telephone numbers. Art work on the Pointer Directory was done by editor Joyce Hopkins.



The Pointer Directory Staff includes, left to right, Lynn Israel, Joyce Hopkins, Leland Barclay, Kerri Bennett, and Susie Brasuell.

The year of the 'Proud Pointer'

Multi-Media staff reviews 1977-78



Co-editors of the Multi-Media show, senior Wade Lollis and junior Karen Fritts spent many long hours together during 1977-78 piecing together taped music and arranging slides in chronological order.



The Multi-Media staff includes: left to right, Terri Watkins, Jennifer Ray, Wade Lollis, Karen Fritts, Pam Key, Debbie Khilling and Leslie Watts.

Journalism adds beauty calendar



Susie Brasuell, Editor of the Pointer Staff, and Miss Mary Maude Gallagher, Pointer advisor, are busy checking and mailing one of the first Pointer deadlines.

It was a hectic year for the Van Buren High School Pointer Staff. Despite the small staff, weather conditions, interrupted deadlines and numerous other chaotic happenings, the determined journalists published one of Arkansas' biggest high school yearbooks in the state and carrying more color pages than most books.

Editor Susie Brasuell and managing editor Gina Keith and their hard working staff remember the long after hours put in at Van Buren High School drawing tripaks, writing headlines, cutlines and copy, cropping pictures, and finally meeting those treacherous deadlines.

The Pointer Staff members added a new exhibit to their year as they put out a Pointer Beauty Calendar in honor of the twelve class beauty nominees.

The calendar was printed by Consolidated Printing of Van Buren under the direction of editor Lynn Israel. Each of the girls had two beauty pictures made, one of the judges and an environmental picture for the calendar.



The Pointer Staff includes, left to right, front row, Kay Smotherman, Gail Fowler, Gina Keith, Lynn Israel, Tammy Watkins and Kristen Howell. Back row, John Holland, Joe-Ray Jones, Leland Barclay, and Tommy Brooks.



The Pointer Trail Staff includes: left to right, front row, Pam Key. Row 2, Kristen Howell, Kim Faubus, Terri Watkins, Kerri Benntet and Donna Whitmire. Row 3, Karen Fritts, Jennifer Ray, Sue Woods, Tony Kendig, Debbie Khilling and Lisa Lehn. Row 4, Dwain Key, John Holland, Leslie Watts, Chris Evans, Joyce Hopkins and Leona Manuel. Row 5, Barry Coles, Ron Green, Brian Jeremiah, Ronald Flanagan, Leland Barclay and Damon Morland.



News editors Chris Evans, Donna Whitmire and Sue Woods of the Pointer Trail discuss plans for the upcoming newspaper at an editorial board meeting.

Aspiration is motto of Pointer Trail staff

The Van Buren High School Pointer Trail staff kept busy this year with a bi-monthly newspaper which was one of the first in the nation to print full-color in a school newspaper.

The staff was headed by editor Pam Key and was under the direction of Miss Mary Maude Gallagher.

Three times this year the ambitious Pointer Trail staffers published a special twelve page newspaper. First, during football homecoming, honoring "Beat Rogers" week, and second, a Christmas edition was published. The third and probably most awesome paper was in honor of the basketball homecoming festivities. The twelve page paper was printed in full color.

As always, the Pointer Trail is printed by the Courier of Van Buren. the Pointer Trail staff writes the copy and pastes it up and the Courier prints it.

Denise, Cindy share crowns

Denise Gramlich was crowned 1977-78 football homecoming queen. Denise wore a mint green floor-length dress and was escorted by senior Tim Rowland, a three-year letterman for the Pointers and defensive end. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Partners in Christ, and a varsity cheerleader. Denise was nominated for Miss VBHS and is a senior beauty runner up.

Other members of the court were maid of honor, Liz Quoss; senior maids, Theresa Titsworth and Betsy Ballard; junior maids, Leslie Watts and Lucy Kelley; and sophomore maids, Michelle Knoles and Teresa Overby.

Cindy Lovelady, a senior, was crowned 1978 basketball homecoming queen. Cindy wore a sky blue floor length dress and was escorted by senior Jerry Poague, a one-year letterman for the Pointer basketball team and a two-year letterman for the Pointer football team. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the varsity basketball team, and the track team.

Other members of the court were maid of honor, Marsha Johnson; senior maids, Sarah Hays and Linda Robinson; junior maids, Carrie Loyd and Vivian Breeden; and sophomore maids, Mary Johnston and Lisa Yerby.



Football Homecoming Queen Denise Gramlich was escorted by senior Tim Rowland.



Cindy Lovelady, Basketball Homecoming Queen, smiles with amazement after the announcement of the queen.



Girls' State delegates include Linda Robinson and Cheryl Batchlor.

Faculty chooses eleven boys', girls' state delegates

The 1977-78 Boys' and Girls' State delegates spent one full week at camps which were set up to provide the students with more information about the government and its ways. For the eleven students, sunrise was at 6:30 every morning. Exercises and lectures were plans for the delegates' morning activities. All the students found activities relaxing in the afternoon.

Mark Douglas was a close contender for the secretarial position of state.

Each night the delegates were provided with entertainment from fellow state delegates. One delegate put it this way, "There was a lot of talent shown, but not every one on the stage had talent."

All meals, rooms, and shirts were free to the delegates. Refreshments could be bought between meal-times at the concession area.

Each delegate was assigned a roommate from some other part of the state and were not allowed to see other members of his chapter until the time of departure.

The 1977-78 Boys' and Girls' State delegates include Cheryl Batchlor, Linda Robinson, Mike Brooks, Mark Douglas, Mark Elkins, Joe-Ray Jones, Jerry Poague, Andy Scott, Steve Sexton, Tommy Strickland, and Lance Yerby.

Senior Andy Scott said, "A lot of new friends were made; a lot of good memories are left."

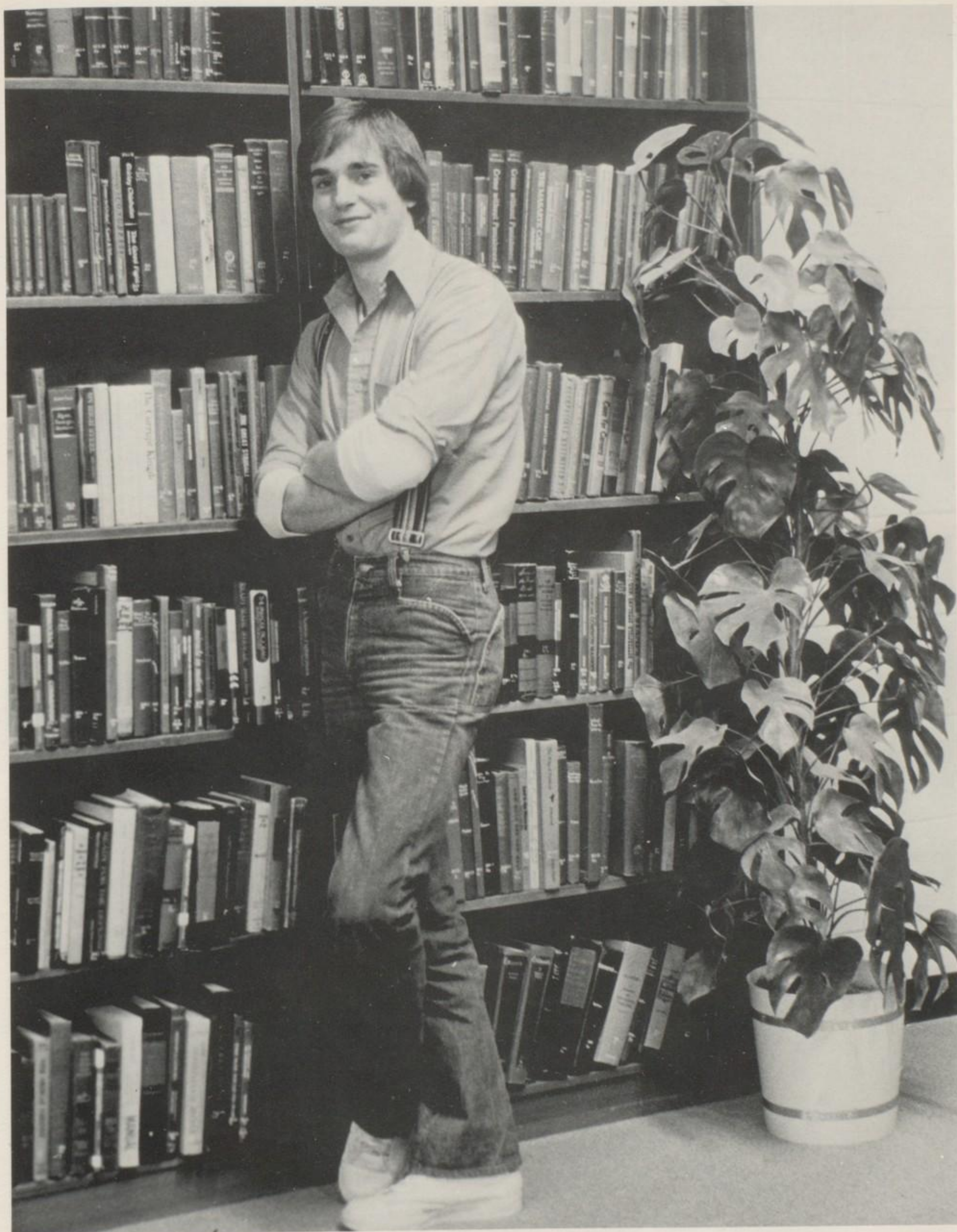


Boys' State delegates include, left to right, Tommy Strickland, Andy Scott, Steve Sexton, Mark Elkins, Lance Yerby, Mark Douglas, Mike Brooks, Jerry Poague, and Joe-Ray Jones.



MISS V. B. H. S.

Senior Cindy Lovelady was named Miss VBHS after a secret-ballot election held during lunch.



MR. V. B. H. S.

Senior Tommy Strickland was voted Mr. VBHS by his senior peers in a secret ballot election.

VBHS students choose Mr., Miss

The 1977-78 Mr. and Miss elections were leaned strongly toward leadership, high grade point and service to the school and community.

Cindy Lovelady was chosen Miss VBHS 1977-78. Cindy is active in school sports and other clubs and organizations. Tommy Strickland, Mr. VBHS, is active in Student Council as vice president. Tommy boosts school morale with his "easy" personality.

Mr. and Miss VBHS runners-up were Cheryl Batchelor, Denise Garmlich, Linda Robinson, Vint Bell, Clayton French and Joe-Ray Jones.

Mr. and Miss Junior Class 1977-78 are Sue Woods and John Holland. Both are active on the Pointer Trail staff and in their class. Runners-up were Lucy Kelley, Pam Key, Leslie Watts, Ricky Brown, Barry Coles, and Gray Smithson.

Representing the sophomore class as Mr. and Miss are Tim Neidecker and Teresa Overby. They are experiencing a new life at high school and seem to be very successful in it. Runners-up are Dayna Hall, Kelley Kennedy, Darlene Spencer, Pam Tiffin, Brad Hall, Lee Smithson, and Jeff Swearingen.

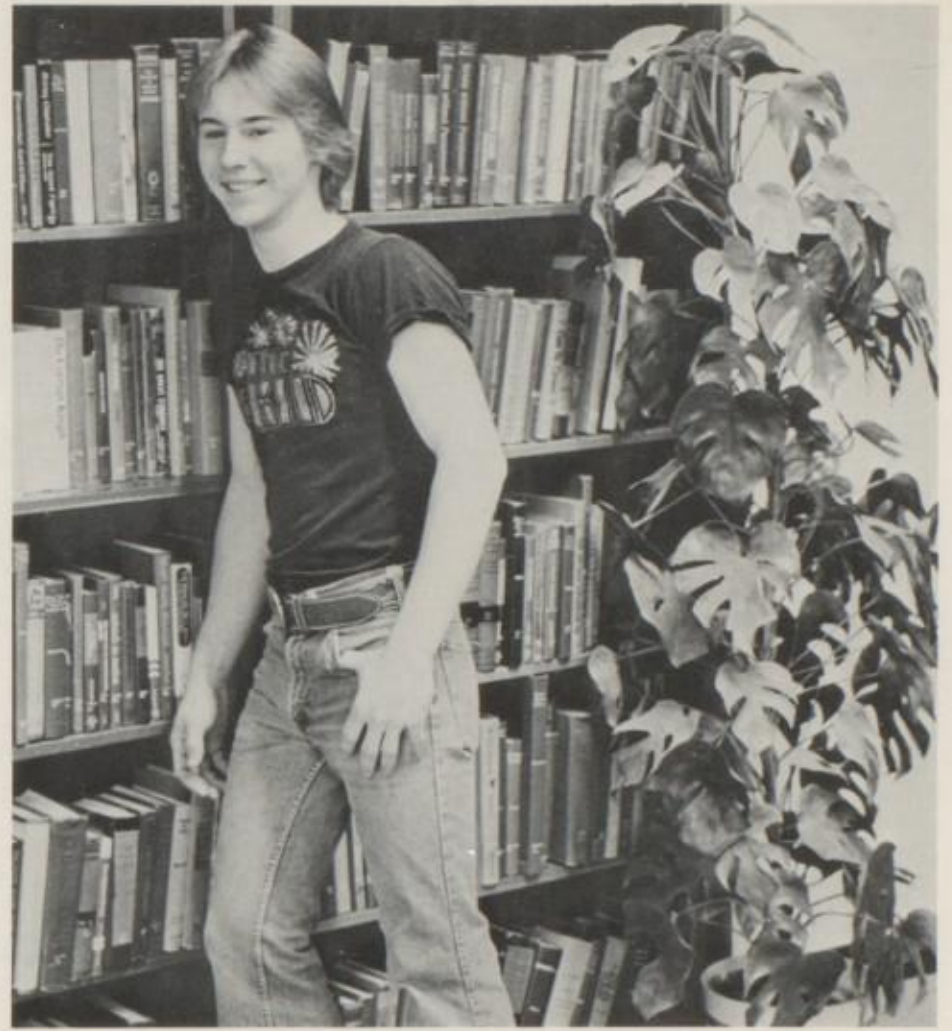


Mr. and Miss VBHS nominees include, left to right, front row, Cindy Lovelady, Linda Robinson, Denise Gramlich, and Cheryl Batchelor. Back row, Tommy Strickland, Clayton French, Joe-Ray Jones, and Vint Bell.



MISS JUNIOR CLASS

Sue Woods



MR. JUNIOR CLASS

John Holland

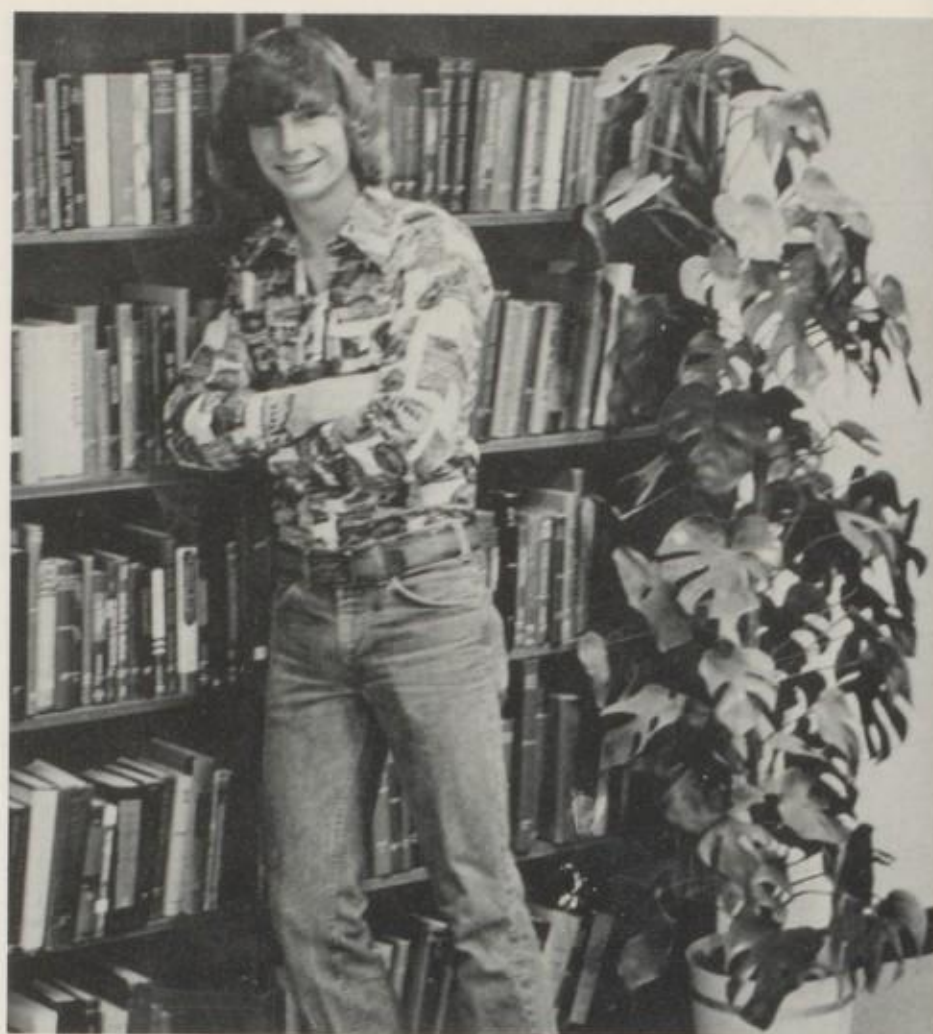


Mr. and Miss Junior Class nominees include, left to right, front row, Pam Key, Lucy Kelley and Sue Woods. Back row, John Holland, Barry Coles, Ricky Brown and Gray Smithson.



MISS SOPHOMORE CLASS

Teresa Overby

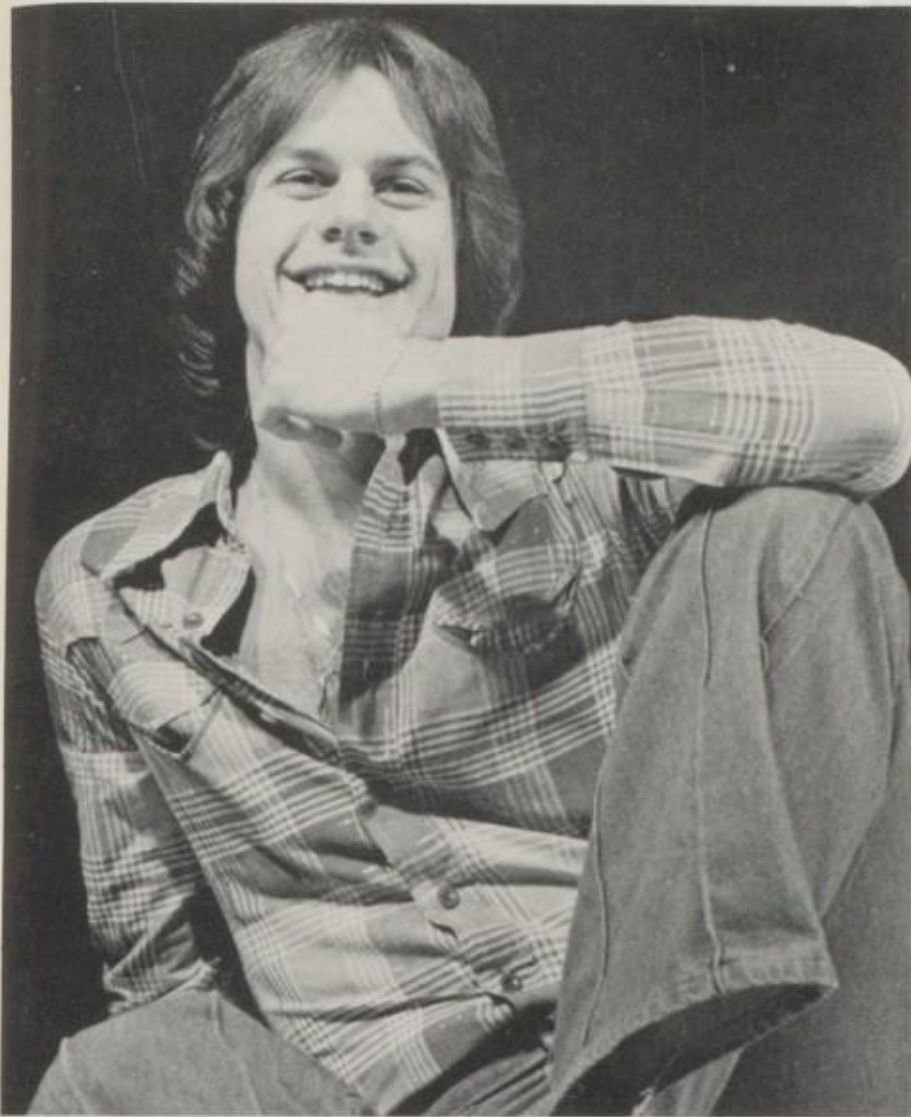


MR. SOPHOMORE CLASS

Tim Neidecker



Mr. and Miss Sophomore Class nominees include, left to right, front row, Teresa Overby, Dayna Hall, Darlene Spencer, Pam Tiffin and Kelley Kennedy. Back row, Brad Hall, Tim Neidecker, Jeff Swearingen and Lee Smithson.



KC judges '78 beauties



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November 1, 1977

Ms. Susie Brasuell
Editor
THE POINTER
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Dear Ms. Brasuell:

Harry Casey (K C) has asked me to let you know that he would be honored to help select the class beauty for the Van Buren High School yearbook.

Please send applicable materials and criteria for the selections to Mr. Casey, SUNSHINE SOUND ENTERPRISES, INC., at P.O. Box 1780, Hialeah, Florida 33010.

Thank you for considering K C as your celebrity judge this year.

Sincerely,

Sherry Smith
Coordinator

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Harry Casey of K. C. and the Sunshine Band was the 1977-78 Pointer beauty judge.



Without knowing that the Pointer staff had chosen K. C. and the Sunshine Band as the beauty judge, junior Vicki Burkhardt chose them as her class design project in art.

**Senior Beauty
Sarah Hays**





Susie Brasuell/1st Runner-up

Sarah is senior beauty

Chosen to represent the class of 1978 as senior beauty is Sarah Hays. Sarah is a member of the Student Council, the Pointerette volleyball team, the Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Treblettes, and served as a senior maid in the basketball homecoming festivities. She was also chosen as an All-state choir member. Sarah was Miss April in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Hays Foods of Van Buren.

First runner-up to Sarah is Susie Brasuell. Susie is a Quill and Scroll member, and acts as co-editor of the editorial board of the Pointer. She served her class as a junior maid during the football homecoming festivities. Susie was Miss February in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Bill Richmond's DX of Van Buren.

Runner-up is Denise Gramlich. Denise is treasurer of the National Honor Society, secretary in the Choral music classes, and is serving her fourth year as a Van Buren cheerleader. She was crowned 1977-78 football homecoming queen. Denise was Miss March in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Robert Gelly Real Estate of Van Buren.

Runner-up is Lynn Israel. Lynn is a member of the Pointer Staff, the Pointer Directory Staff, and is editor of Van Buren's first Pointer Beauty Calendar. Last year Lynn was circulation manager of the Pointer Trail, and was runner-up as Sophomore beauty. She was Miss May on the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Rhodes Chevrolet Co. of Van Buren.



Senior beauty nominees are left to right, Lynn Israel, Susie Brasuell, Denise Gramlich, and Sarah Hays.



Denise Gramlich/Runner-up



Lynn Israel/Runner-up

***Junior Beauty
Melissa Holten***





Lucy Kelley 1st Runner-up

Melissa named beauty

Representing her class as junior beauty is Melissa Holten. Melissa was chosen by K. C. and the Sunshine Band. She is a member of the Creative Writing Club, Library Club, Tennis team, and a library worker. Melissa was Miss June in the 1978 Pointer Calendar and was sponsored by the Sonic Drive-in in Van Buren.

Lucy Kelley was chosen as first runner-up. Lucy represented her class as a football homecoming maid. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society. Lucy was a B-Team cheerleader last year and a 1978 varsity cheerleader. She was elected junior class reporter and was a nominee for Miss Sophomore class. Lucy is also a nominee for Miss Junior class this year. She was Miss August in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Ballard Realty of Van Buren.

Runner-up Kristen Howell is a two year member of the Student Council, a member of the Pointer Trail Staff, and also serves as an aide for Mr. Walter Rockwell and Mrs. Pat Webb. Kristen was a runner-up for Sophomore Beauty and was Miss July in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Peoples Bank and Trust.

Lisa Lehn, Runner-up, is an active member of the Pointer Trail staff and serves as a teacher's aide. She was Miss September in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Paul's Bakery of Van Buren.



Junior Beauty nominees are, left to right, Lisa Lehn, Lucy Kelley, Melissa Holten, and Kristen Howell.



Kristen Howell Runner-up



Lisa Lehn Runner-up

Sophomore Beauty
Michelle Knoles





Carrie Bell 1st Runner-up

Michelle wins beauty

Chosen as sophomore beauty in 1978 is Michelle Knoles. Last year Michelle was a member of Future Homemakers of America and the Pep Squad. This year she represented her class as one of the sophomore homecoming maids during the football homecoming festivities. Michelle was Miss December in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Van Buren.

First runner-up Carrie Bell was a Student Council representative last year, the Pep Squad president, the Historian for Future Homemakers of America, and second runner-up in the FHA Sweetheart Court. This year she is a member of the Pointer Prancers. Carrie was Miss October in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Bell Trucking Inc. of Van Buren.

Runner-up Lisa Willis is a manager of the Pointerette Basketball team. Last year Lisa was a member of the Service Club and the National Honor Society. She was Miss January in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by The Courier of Van Buren.

Carolyn Hatwig, runner-up, is an active member of the Tennis team. Last year Carolyn was a member of the Pep Squad and FHA. She was Miss November in the Pointer Beauty Calendar and was sponsored by Bekaert Steel Wire Corporation of Van Buren.



Sophomore Beauty Nominees are, sitting, left to right; Carolyn Hatwig, and Michele Knoles, standing, Carrie Bell and Lisa Willis.



Lisa Willis Runner-up



Carolyn Hatwig Runner-up



Pride in

EFFORT



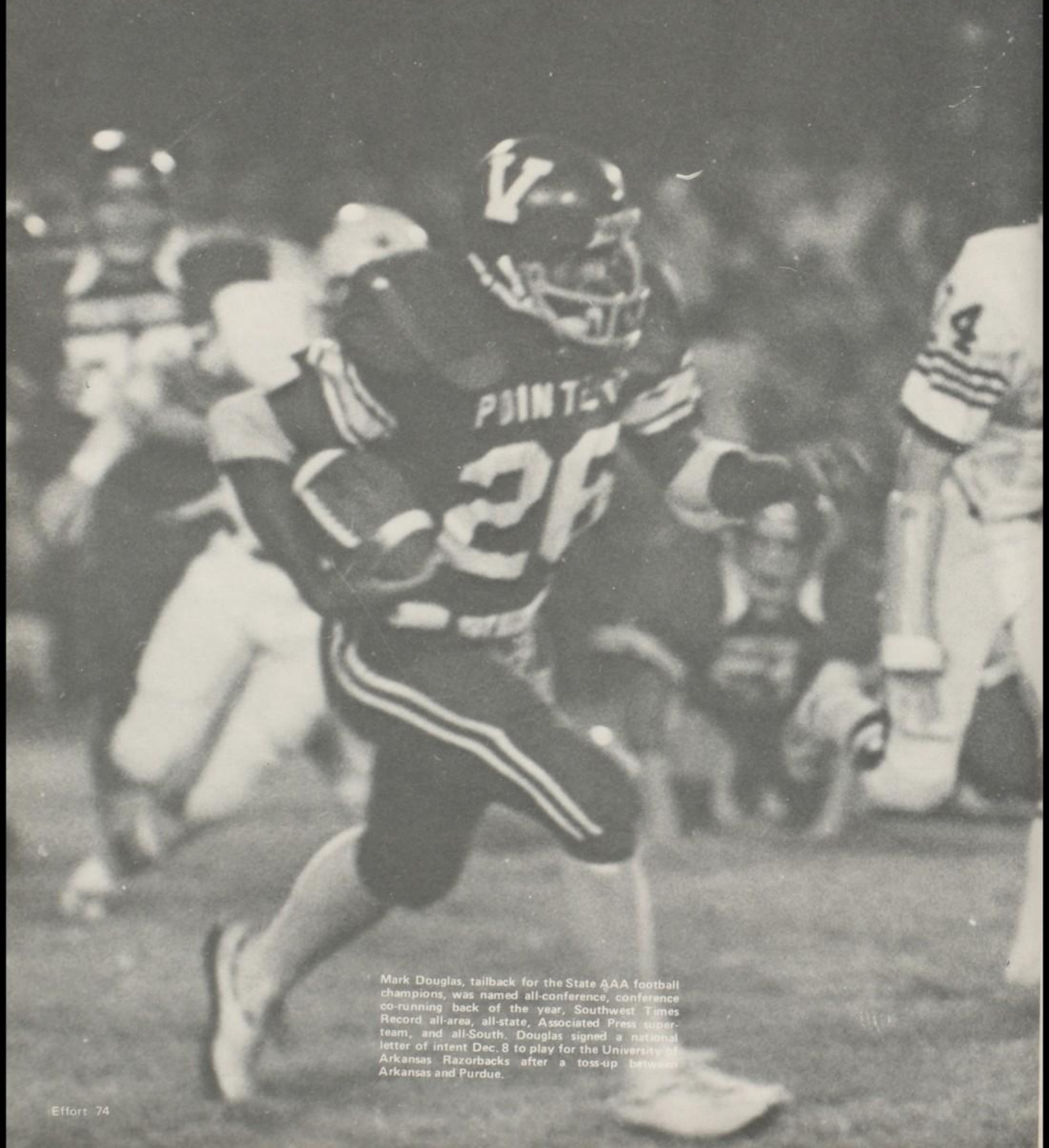
REGULAR SEASON

Alma 21	Pointers 35
Poteau 12	Pointers 19
Little Rock Mills 14	Pointers 7
Greenwood 21	Pointers 6

Fayetteville 14	Pointers 23
Subiaco 6	Pointers 33
Rogers 0	Pointers 29
Bentonville 12	Pointers 21
Springdale 0	Pointers 0

STATE AAA PLAYOFFS

*Mountain Home 7	Pointers 14
**Pocahontas 0	Pointers 28
***Morrilton 7	Pointers 13



Mark Douglas, tailback for the State AAA football champions, was named all-conference, conference co-running back of the year, Southwest Times Record all-area, all-state, Associated Press super-team, and all-South. Douglas signed a national letter of intent Dec. 8 to play for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks after a toss-up between Arkansas and Purdue.



The 1977 Pointers—(Front row) Donald Oliver, Marty Schmidt, Lance Yerby, Roland Hawkins, Jeff Samuels, Don Glover, Mike Brooks, Tim Organ, Cliff Hubbs, Daniel Lamproe, and manager, John Hopkins. (Second row) Head Coach Don Dixon, Craig Hubbs, Daniel Johnson, Vint Bell, Gary Barnes, Donald Atkinson, Pat Mahar, Jim Israel, Dale Mann, Mark Schmidt, Jim Wilson, David Scott, Mark Douglas, and Secondary Coach Benton Cone. (Third row) Defensive Coordinator Gary Autry, David Lopez, Joe Breeden, Terry Cockrum, Frank Kelly, Terrance Richardson, Carl Hawkins, James Elliff, Mike Brasuell, Delmar Parks, Paul Cluck, Byrl Criswell, Steve Tankersley, Jerry Pogue, Eddie Cluck, and Offensive Line Coach Clair Bates. (Top row) Wayne Jones, Lee Smithson, Paul Duncan, John Brinegar, Gray Smithson, Terry Shultz, Shannon McCoy, Bill Hill, Jerry Ware, Perry Duncan, Mike Jones, Tim Rowland, John Watts, and Tommy Strickland.

First since 1930

Mean Green rumbles to state AAA title

When the 1977 football season ended, the Pointers had a 9-2-1 record, the AAA title, and the number eight ranking statewide.

It was the first time that a Van Buren football squad won a state championship since the 12-0 Pointers were official champs in 1930.

Here's the campaign synopsis:

ALMA—Van Buren opened the '77 season with a convincing victory over the rival Airedales, 35-21. Tailback Mark Douglas continued his assault on the opposition defenses by rambling for 109 yards and one touchdown. Fullback James Elliff provided the Dogs with an additional 114 yards. Vint Bell got the campaign in swing with his first pass attempt being a 74-yard TD toss to end Delmar Parks.

POTEAU—Douglas ran wild again as he chalked up 119 yards and two touchdowns, one being a 67-yard jaunt, in pacing the Pointers to a 19-12 bi-state win over Poteau. Bell hit seven of eleven for 77 yards to help the Dogs attain 260 total yards offense.

LR MILLS—The Pointers traveled to Little Rock to take on the speedy Mills Comets and succumbed to them 14-7. The Dogs were plagued by six turnovers. Van Buren fell behind early on a 52-yard romp by Comet speedster Ray Montgomery. VB

came back on a 2-yard blast by Douglas but soon trailed again on the next Comet series when Mills quarterback Vernon Withers hit Gerald Tatum for an 11-yard scoring pass.

GREENWOOD—Conference foe Greenwood came to town fired up and handily defeated the heavily favored Bird Dogs, 21-6, for the region lead. The Bulldogs led 14-0 at the half and 21-0 before the Pointers marched 72 yards in the waning moments of the contest. The drive was capped by a 23-yard scoring strike from Bell to Parks.

FAYETTEVILLE—The Mean Green Machine got back on the winning road by rolling over AAAA power Fayetteville 23-14. Douglas was the catalyst in the victory as he exploded for 136 yards and two TD's. Wingback Terrance Richardson latched on to a 13-yard scoring throw from Bell for the final tally. However, with the score 21-14 in the last stanza, Pointer punter Eddie Cluck placed the ball on the one yard stripe. Needing a touchdown, Bulldog tailback Jay Trumbo took a pitchout and set sail on an end sweep, but all-conference lineman Lance Yerby crashed into the endzone and pounded on Trumbo for a safety.

SUBIACO—Van Buren clinched a tie for the 4AAA title by smashing conference weakling Subiaco, 33-6. Once again Douglas

was the big gun in picking up 113 yards and two goals. He began the scoring with a 66-yard gallop and later plunged over from the one. Between his tallies Elliff scampered four yards. Trailing 19-6, Trojan QB Rich Millett took to the air, for one play, because all-region linebacker Mike Brooks jumped in front of an errant pass and toted it to pay-dirt from the 20. Minutes later Bell hit Richardson in the corner of the endzone to end it all.

ROGERS—Before the game, the Rogers Mountaineers were no. 6 in the state, unbeaten and untied by rolling over six previous opponents, and had allowed 12 points in the process. But all that was purely secondary as the mighty Pointers crushed the Mounties 29-0 in probably one of VB's greatest shows of all-time. Douglas terrorized the Rogers defense in route to a 194 yard night and three TD's, including 71 and 49 yard romps. The Dogs simply controlled the tilt as they powered their way to 312 yards in all.

BENTONVILLE—The Bird Dogs continued to blow the opposition out of the stadium by billowing to a 21-12 success at Bentonville. Romping for 137 yards and three touchdowns Douglas continued to be

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Final year great for Seniors '78



SE Gary Barnes
DB Roland Hawkins

QB Vint Bell
C Dale Mann

LB Mike Brooks
T Don Oliver

WB Terry Cockrum
DB Jerry Poague

TB Mark Douglas
WB Terrance Richardson



DE Tim Rowland
DB Tommy Strickland
T Jim Wilson

T David Scott
TE Steve Tankersley
T Lance Yerby



Head Coach Don Dixon, Defensive Coordinator Gary Autry (kneeling), Offensive Line Coach Clair Bates and Secondary Coach Benton Cone this year led the Van Buren Pointers to the state AAA championship and a No. 8 ranking overall.

Pointer defensive captain Mike Brooks (69) talks over strategy with the Mean Green defense in the 14-7 victory in the first round of the state playoffs at Mountain Home.



Six Dogs chosen on district squad, two on state



All-region, all-area Southwest Times, all-state, AP super-team, tailback Mark Douglas.



Region 4AAA all-district members include Mike Brooks and David Scott (top). (Bottom) Don Actkinson and Cliff Hubbs.



All-region, region outstanding lineman, and all-state, tackle Lance Yerby.

Douglas spearheads explosive offense

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the instigator of the Pointers phenomenal season. He scored on runs of 29 and 4 yards, and returned a kickoff 85 yards through the heart of the Tiger wall to put the game out of reach for the tamed Tigers.

SPRINGDALE—Coach Don Dixon's Pointers closed the regular season by battling to a scoreless deadlock with old-time rival, Springdale. Each squad threatened to score no less than three times, but outstanding defensive plays spoiled the attempts. Van Buren had a tough time holding the pigskin as they fumbled five times. But Elliff enjoyed his biggest evening of the year by taking 15 totes for 125 yards.

MOUNTAIN HOME—Van Buren invaded Mountain Home and came from behind to claim a 14-7 opening round AAA playoff success. Strong safety Jerry Poague was the big man for the Pointers on this night as he picked off two Bomber passes, both in the endzone to preserve Pointer dominance. Bell sneaked in from the one yard mark twice for the Dog scores.

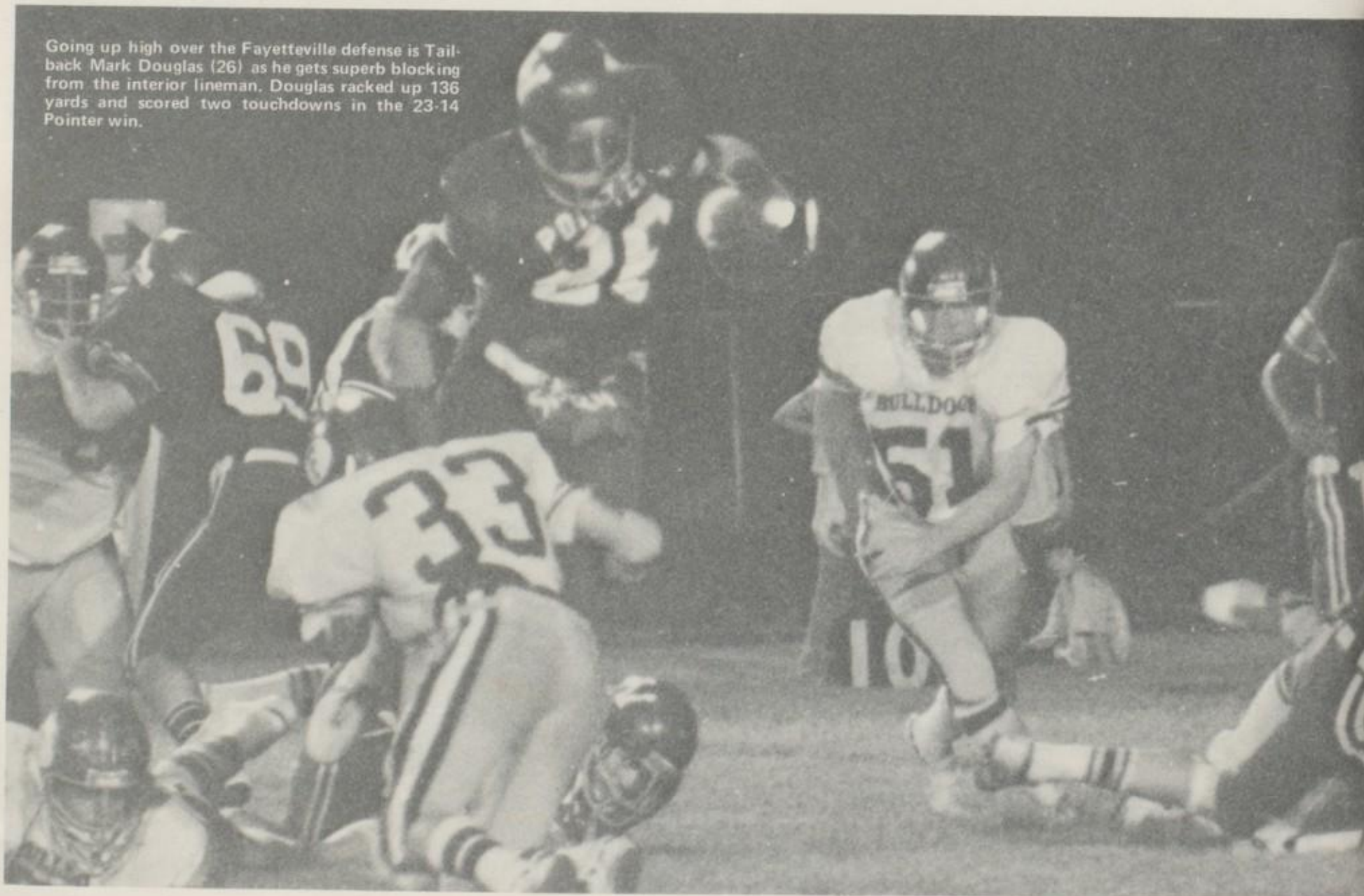
POCAHONTAS—It was a classical example of no competition in the semi-finals as VB literally tore the Redskins apart 28-0. Douglas rushed for 116 yards, including

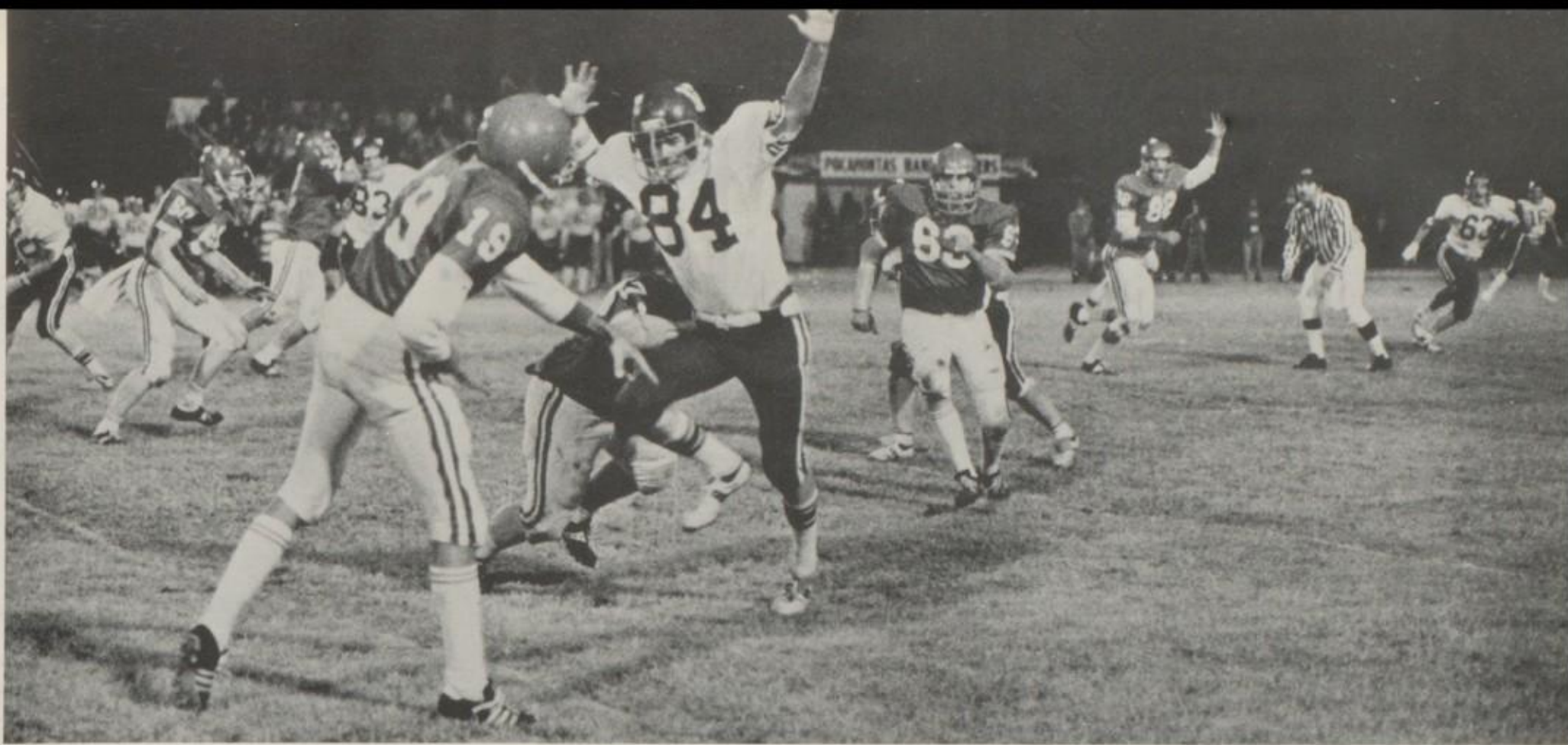
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Split end Delmar Parks goes high into the air to snare a toss from QB Vint Bell as Terrance Richardson (40) looks on. The catch resulted in Van Buren's only score in the 21-6 loss to Greenwood.

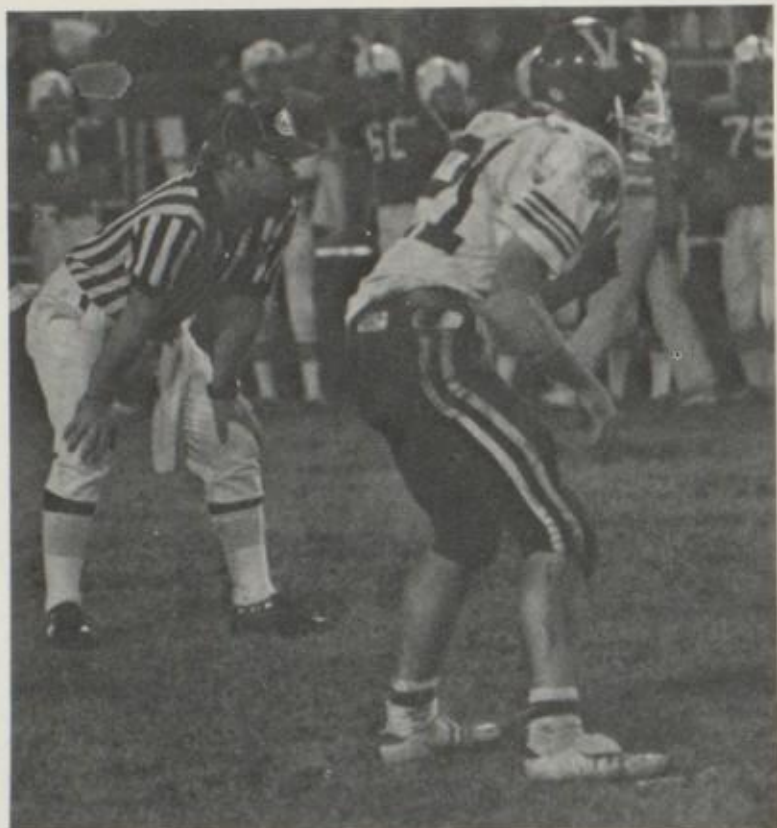
Going up high over the Fayetteville defense is Tailback Mark Douglas (26) as he gets superb blocking from the interior lineman. Douglas racked up 136 yards and scored two touchdowns in the 23-14 Pointer win.





Second round playoff action proved to be second round playoff victory for the Pointers as defensive end Alan Wolfe (above) swarms Pocahontas quarterback Tim Allison who completed a measly 8 of 25 passes. Wolfe later scooped up a loose Pocahontas ball and scrambled 78 yards to paydirt in the 28-0 scalping of the Redskins. (Right) Fullback James Elliff (33) politely places a forearm into the face of a Springdale Bulldog.





Senior strong safety Jerry Poague (above) prepares for the snap of the ball under the watchful eye of a ref. Poague came up with key interceptions in the state playoffs, two in the endzone at Mountain Home and one at Pocahontas. (Right) Dale Mann (51) comes in to give aid in the 23-14 win over AAAA squad Fayetteville.



Alma quarterback Keith Osborne (10) watches as his offense is stifled by the Bird Dog defense. Van Buren totally dominated the encounter with their rival enemy 35-21.

State AAA playoffs 'go to the Dogs'

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one score, and Elliff got 96. The defense got in on the scoring when free safety Roland Hawkins gathered in a fumble and trotted 29 yards and Alan Wolfe scooped up another loose ball and ran 78 yards. The final touchdown was a 20-yard Bell to Parks combination.

MORRILTON—The Mean Green Machine from Pointerland rolled into and over Morrilton 13-7 in the finals of the State Class AAA playoffs and thus proved to the entire state of Arkansas who the ultimate power was. After being stymied in the initial half and trailing 7-0, Bell came out throwing smoke and perforated the Devil Dog secondary as it had never been done before, hitting seven of twelve for 109 yards to set up both TD's. Douglas walked in from the three and Bell crept in from the one. Morrilton employed a nine-man front to stop Douglas. It worked to set the stage for Bell's blistering arm to riddle the lame Morrilton Devil Dog secondary.

'Nuff said.



Lance Yerby (above) watches intensely the coin toss with Mark Douglas (26) to begin the traditional Van Buren-Alma rivalry. Lined up in the background are Pointer seniors Vint Bell, David Scott, Terrance Richardson, Roland Hawkins, Jerry Poague, and Tommy Strickland. Van Buren lost the coin toss but proceeded to humiliate the hapless Airedales, 35-21, at Blakemore Field's packed stands in the season debut for both squads. (Below) Pointer senior signal caller Vint Bell prepares to operate the offense which thrashed Rogers 29-0. Rogers entered the contest unbeaten and ranked sixth in the state.





(Left) In a scene witnessed many, many times throughout the year, defensive coordinator Gary Autry argues with a ref concerning an apparent "wrong" call he had made. (Above) Senior ground-gainer Mark Douglas churns out some of the 1,242 yards he gained during the Bird Dogs' AAA championship campaign. Also shown here is the offensive line which made it possible for Douglas to break through the line and into the open field.

Defense a headache to adversaries



A typical scene in the finals of the state AAA playoffs sees the Morrilton offense going nowhere as the Pointer defense stacks up the middle allowing no Devil Dog breathing room. The Bird Dogs came from behind to win the encounter 13-7 and thus lay claim to the class AAA championship.

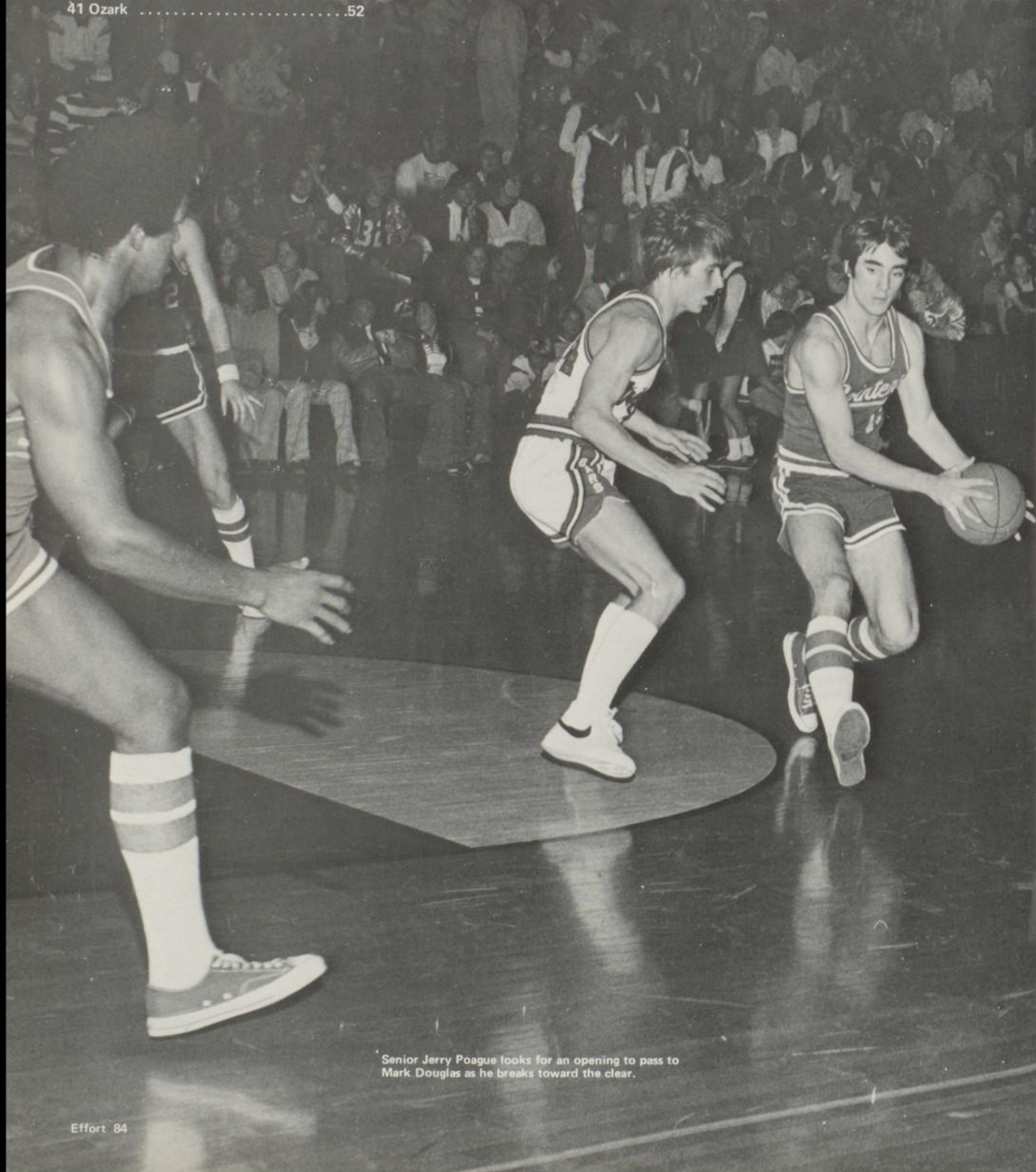


Defensive back Roland Hawkins (14) receives assistance from a teammate in a bruising tackle during the upset victory of Van Buren by Greenwood Bulldogs.

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31 F. S. Northside	.47
31 Rogers	.30
39 Springdale	.55
46 Cedarville	.39
41 Charleston	.55
56 Mulberry	.42
29 F. S. Northside	.39
Fort Smith Classic	
45 F. S. Southside	.63
41 Ozark	.52

VB	
37 Russellville	.42
36 Rogers	.32
48 Greenwood	.37
Crawford County Tourney	
36 Alma	.46
52 Subiaco	.48
63 Springdale	.64
61 Alma	.53
53 Alma	.38

VB	
34 Russellville	.30
47 Subiaco	.30
46 Mountainburg	.24
57 Greenwood	.51
Region 4AAA Tourney	
31 Alma	.26
45 Greenwood	.47
State AAA Tourney	
20 Dumas	.42



Senior Jerry Poague looks for an opening to pass to Mark Douglas as he breaks toward the clear.



The 1977-78 Pointer Basketball team consists of, left to right, managers, John Hopkins, and Rodney Pless, team members John Steward, James Kelly, Ed Wornkey, Joe-Ray Jones, Mark Douglas, Terry Schultz, Erell Goins, Brad Perrier, Brad Hall, John Hardcastle, Kenny Jenkins, Pat Cowden, Jerry Poague, Ricky Brown, Randy Scott, Mike Altes, Mark Elkins, Manager Ricky Spoon and (center) Coach Benton Cone.

Cone, Bates lead Bird Dog charges



Established Coaches provide leadership

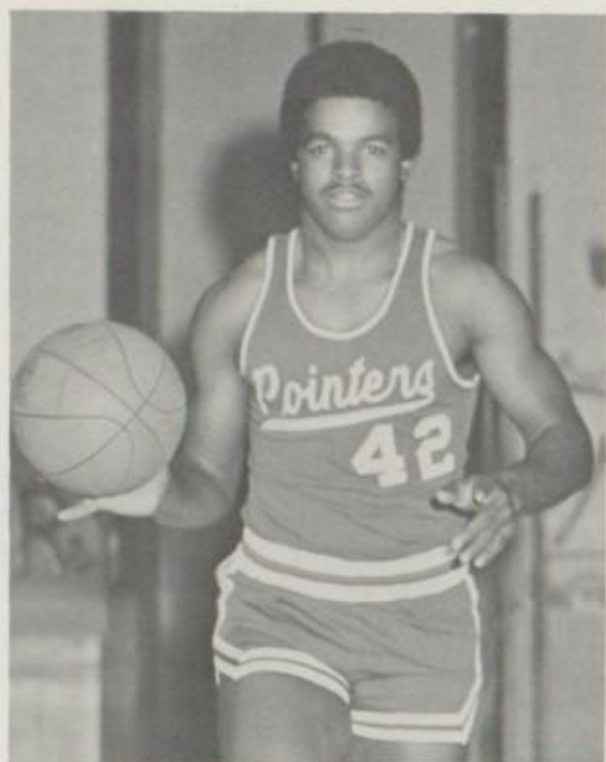
If you were at any of the Pointer basketball games, you probably witnessed the coaching talents of two remarkable coaches. These two men are head coach Benton Cone and assistant coach Clair Bates.

Both of these coaches have unbelievable records. Coach Cone is in his fourth year of coaching at Van Buren High School. In his first three years as the Pointers' head coach his troupes chalked up two district championships and three Crawford County championships.

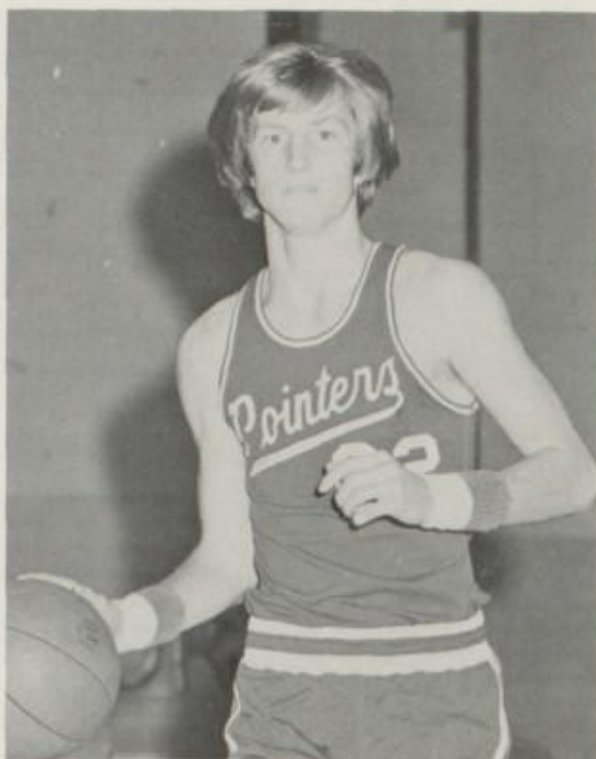
One of the most successful coaches in Arkansas High School basketball history is our very own Clair Bates. While a head coach at Van Buren, Bates, has achieved of some seven overall state championships, six girls' and one boys' championship.

Pointer head mentor Benton Cone (left) shows extreme disagreement at a referee at the Pointer gym as he clutches his green game towel. (Right) Legendary figure Coach Clair Bates ponders another tough decision.





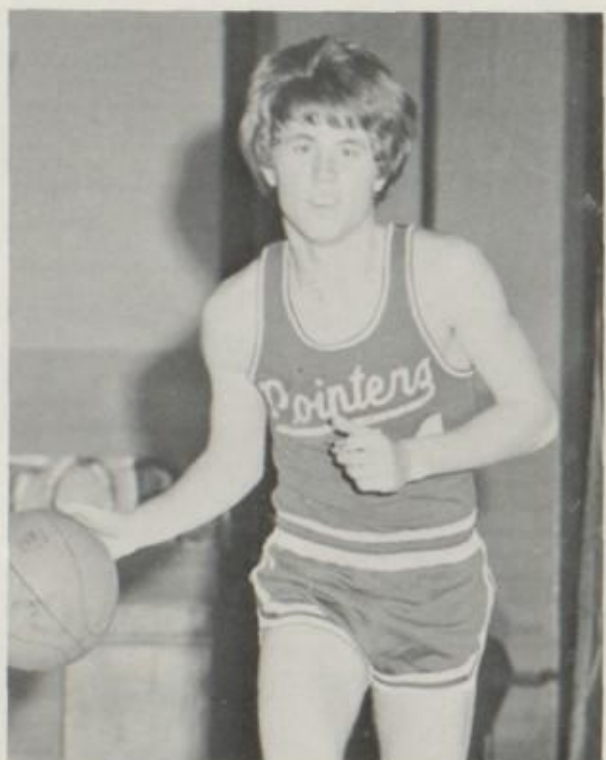
Mark Douglas



Mark Elkins



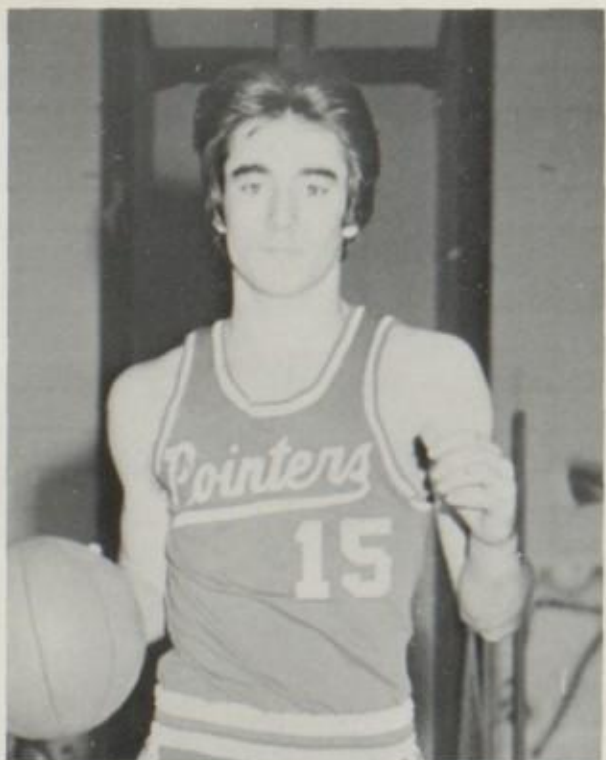
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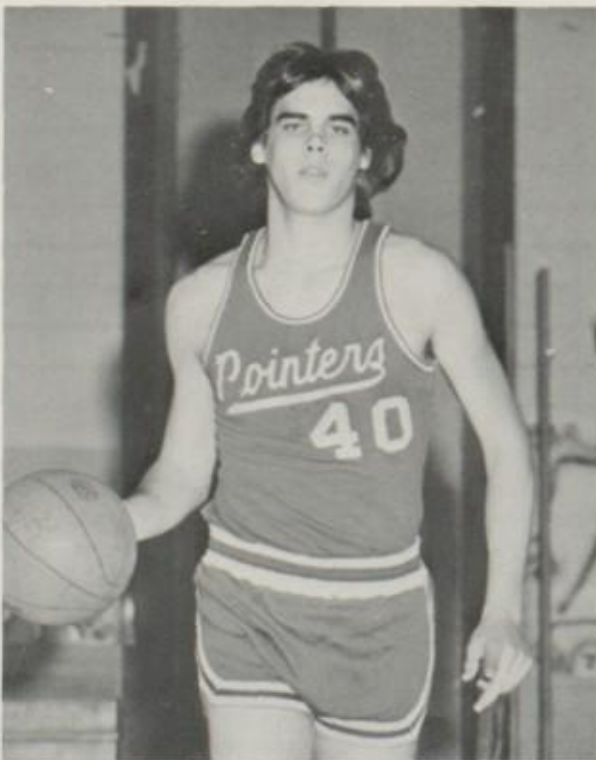
Joe-Ray Jones



Jimmy Kelley



Jerry Poague



John Steward



Big John Steward (in white) lofts a soft jumper over the outstretched arm of Bill Stribling of Rogers for a bucket in the 36-32 Pointer victory.

Two-time all region choice Joe-Ray Jones lays the ball sweetly in the bucket on a Bird Dog fast break.



Provide all the experience necessary

Seven Seniors backbone of Pointers

No. 2 ranked Dumas ended the Pointer cage season by defeating the Bird Dogs 42-20 in the state AAA playoffs at Pine Bluff and in addition ended the high school careers of seven seniors who controlled 90% of the Pointers' playing time. But these seven spirited upperclassmen chalked up a 13-11 record in addition to being named to many honors.

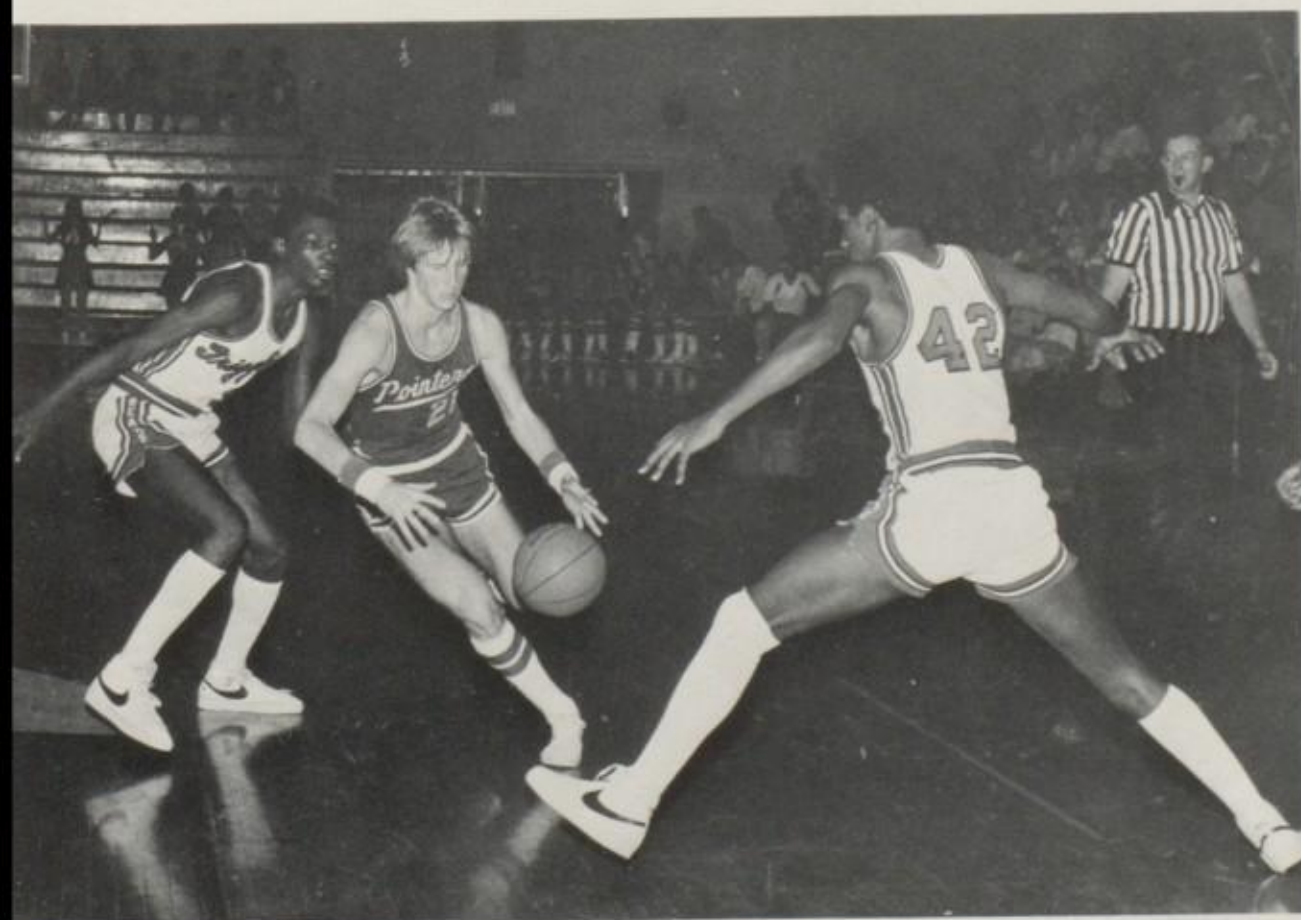
Tough scheduling by Coach Cone toughened the Pointers and thus allowed them to waltz through region with a 6-0 mark.

The season opener proved unfruitful for the Dogs as they dropped it to the Northside Grizzlies, 47-31, Dec. 2. Van Buren shot a weak 33% from the field.

Four days later the Pointers came back to even their record by squeezing by Rogers, 31-30, in a real barnburner.

Springdale came to town three days later and handed the Dogs a 55-39 loss. John Steward tallied 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Van Buren easily handled Cedarville, 46-39. VB trailed by 23-19 at the half but came back



6' 3" Mark Elkins shows ball control to the Northside Grizzlies as he drives toward the goal.

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Van Buren takes control of region, wins round-robin

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to win the Dec. 13 contest.

Charleston proved too much for the Pointers on Dec. 16 as they lost to the Tigers 55-41.

Steward tallied 26 points to pace the Dogs to a 56-42 win three days later over Mulberry.

The Pointers could only manage two points in the final stanza to drop a tough one to the Northside Grizzlies 39-29. VB led at the half 24-22 and was tied after three.

The Bird Dogs debut in the Annual Fort Smith Classic saw the Pointers drop their first two tilts. The first to Southside 63-45 and the latter to Ozark 52-41, which saw Ozark hit 24 points from the charity stripe.

The first game of the new year was a 42-37 loss to highly rated Russellville on Jan. 3.

Van Buren took their second straight from Rogers by defeating the Mountaineers 36-32, Jan. 6.

The Pointers opened region play with a convincing 48-37 win over Greenwood. Joe-Ray Jones hit 16 points and Mark Elkins hit 13 in the Jan. 10 tilt.

Van Buren was hit with a shocking first

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STATE CHAMPIONS			
CLASS	TEAM	YEAR	COACH
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Big rebounding men Mark Douglas (42) and Mark Elkins go up high into the air to snare a misfire together in the region tilt with Subiaco which the Dogs won 52-48.



Tough scheduling by Cone helped condition Bird Dogs

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round loss to Alma, 46-36, in the Crawford County Tournament. VB was top-seeded in the annual tourney.

Van Buren hit 24 points from the free-throw line enroute to a 52-48 region victory over Subiaco.

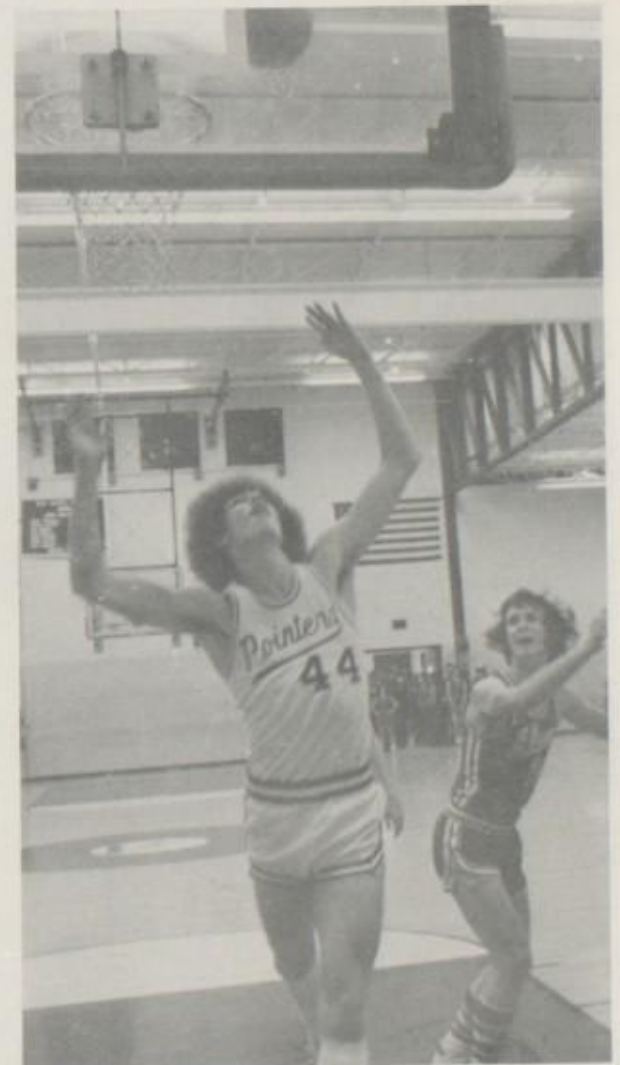
Three days later on Jan. 27 the Pointers dropped a marathon match to Springdale, 64-63. It took three overtimes for the Bulldogs to win it. Steward was high with 19 with Jones right behind at 18.

The Pointers then got revenge on the Alma Airedales on Jan. 28. Van Buren showed no mercy on the hapless Airedales as they won 61-53. Mark Douglas had 14 points while Jones hit 13.

Three days later the Dogs once again demolished Alma 53-38 to rack up their fourth region win without a loss. VB had to do it without last year all-region choice Joe-Ray Jones. Steward was high with 19 tallies.

Van Buren evened their record up at 9-9 with a 34-30 success over Russellville Feb. 3. The win the Pointers sixth in their last eight outings. Steward was high for the Dogs with 12.

Going into the Feb. 9 event at Subiaco
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Northside transfer Jimmy Kelly lays one up and in to increase the score against rival foe Alma as a helpless Airedale looks on. VB beat Alma twice in region play.

finish conference runners-up . . .

Pointers upset in region tourney, undefeated in 4AAA round-robin.

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the Pointers needed a win to clinch a tie for the region lead. They got it as they romped over Subiaco 47-30. Freshman Ed Wornkey got a lot of playing time and responded with 15 points to pace the pack. Douglas and Jones added eight each.

After a slow start, the Dogs got things together to take a 46-24 victory over Dragons from Mountainburg. Postman Jimmy Kelley totaled 16 points to lead all scorers. Jones and Wornkey shared 20 points.

In the final 4AAA conference game of the year, the Bird Dogs rolled over Greenwood 57-51 to finish with an unblemished 6-0 conference mark. Three Pointers scored in double figures with Jones being high-point man at 18, followed by Wornkey with 17 and Kelly with 10.

The first round of the region tourney proved no hassle for the Dogs as they toppled Alma 31-26 Feb. 23 at Greenwood. Jones was a one man wrecking team as he

pumped in 16 of the Dogs points.

A desperation jumper at the buzzer dropped in the bucket and spelled defeat for the Pointers in the finals of the district tourney as Greenwood won, 47-45 at Greenwood. VB had built a 39-34 third quarter lead. The VB fans, part of the standing room only crowd, were stunned by the numerous charging and walking calls tacked on to the Dogs in the final frame. Thus, the hometown Greenwood Bulldogs took the region crown.

Coach Benton Cones Cagers, closed the 77-78 campaign on a sour note by falling to eventual over-all state champs Dumas, 42-20 in the first round of the state playoffs Feb. 28 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. Dumas was previously the tourney favorite, no. 1 in AAA, and no. 2 statewide. 13 Dogs saw action but none could manage to hit in double figures as seven seniors saw their last high school basketball game ever from their usual site; the court.



(Left) Three-year letterman Joe-Ray Jones controls the ball after pulling a rebound away. (Above) Jerry Poague slips one into the net in a crucial conference tilt with Greenwood. Jimmy Kelly and Mark Elkins watch intently.



Freshman Eddie Wornkey (52) gets ready to break toward the basket as Mark Elkins (22) looks to pass.



6'4" postman John Steward (Left) looks for an open Pointer in front of the Alma Airedale bench. (Above) Mark Douglas watches the ball closely as he performs in front of a jam-packed crowd in the Pointer gym.

B-team experiences future Pointers

The Future of the Van Buren Pointer basketball team lies in the hands of a group of hopefuls that make up the Pointer B-Team.

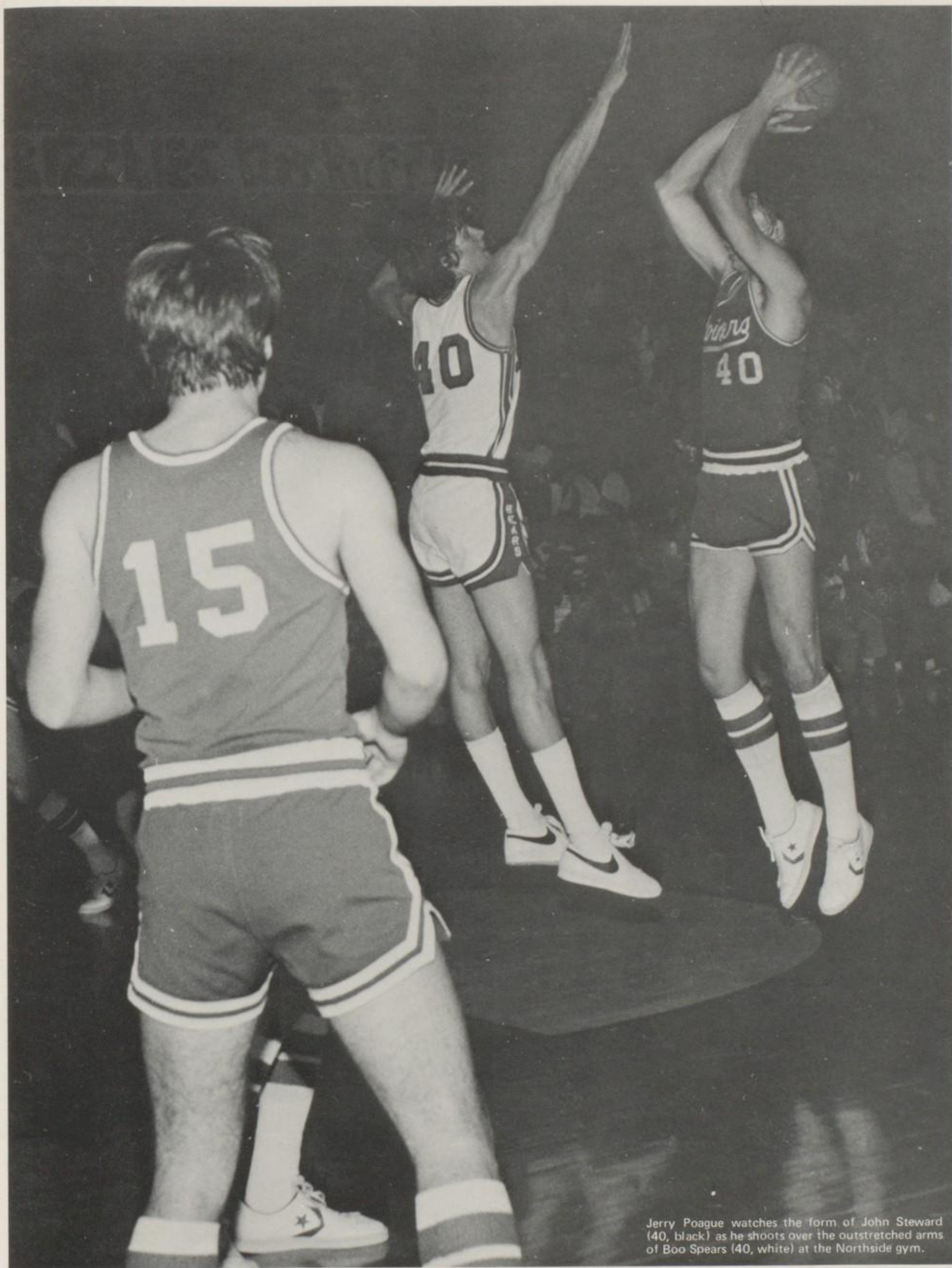
The B-Team gained experience in 1977-78 and had many bright spots for the future Dogs. Some of these were Juniors Ricky Brown, Randy Scott, and sophomores Erell Goins, and Terry Schults. These four players will be needed greatly since the varsity team sports eight seniors.

Other members of the B-Team that saw action was Brad Hall, Pat Cowden, Brad Perrier, and Mike Altes. Freshman Ed Wornkey, who started some for the varsity, will also provide depth.



(Above) B-team starter Terry Schults is pressured by Rogers as he looks to pass to Ricky Brown in the lane. (Left) Eddie Wornkey drops one in the basket with Cyclones all around. Wornkey provided the varsity team with extra bench strength late in the season. (Below) Kenny Jenkins keeps his cool while being pestered by a Rogers Mountaineer.





Jerry Poague watches the form of John Steward (40, black) as he shoots over the outstretched arms of Boo Spears (40, white) at the Northside gym.

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All-region high-scoring Pointerette forward Mary Johnston prepares to drive toward the basket for another two points.

In only third year . . .

Pointerettes ramble to great year

It took defending state champions Lonoke to knock the Pointerettes out of the state AAA playoffs in the second round, but not before the VB gals had racked up a vicious 18-8 season record and region runners-up honors behind always tough Alma. Here's the season synopsis for Coach Laqueta Jo Bottoms' Pointerettes.

The Pointerettes started the season on the right foot by rolling over Mansfield,

59-40, Nov. 15 in the Pointer gym. Janet Wallace pulled down 14 rebounds for the VB gals.

Cedarville came from behind to hand the Pointerettes a 46-43 loss, Nov. 22. Van Buren led, 29-14, at intermission but missed their first nine shots of the new half to allow Cedarville to win.

A tough Pointerette defense gave the Southside girls seven points in the final

stanza and walked away with an easy 55-28 win Dec. 1.

The next night, the Pointerettes demolished Northside, 47-10. VB held a 14-0 first quarter lead, a 27-2 halftime lead, and a 35-6 third frame lead.

In a game that saw the Pointerette bench emptied, the VB gals ripped Rogers, 56-39, Dec. 6. Van Buren again had big leads all the way as nine girls put points on the board.

The Pointerettes rolled to a 60-41 success over Springdale three nights later. VB held a 34-17 lead at intermission.

Van Buren avenged their only loss by romping over Cedarville 46-30 to offset an earlier loss to the Piratettes, Dec. 12.

A lay-up with two seconds remaining in the game by Mary Johnston gave the Pointerettes a 65-64 win over Charleston on Dec. 15. Julie Cumpston tallied 33 points in the game that was tied ten times.

Van Buren increased their season record to 8-1 with a squeaker over Mulberry 54-50, Dec. 19.

The next night the Pointerettes ripped the Northside Grizzlyettes, 52-33, for their eighth straight success.

In the Western Arkansas Invitational tourney at Charleston, the Pointerettes scored a big first round win over Booneville 64-52. VB advanced to the finals by defeating last years tourney champ Lavaca 50-46. On New Year's Eve the Pointerettes captured their first tourney title since girls' basketball was revived three years ago by

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Three Pointerette guards put the pressure on an opponent in a scene witnessed all-too-often by the opposition.



The 1977-78 Pointerettes are, kneeling, managers, Teresa Waldo, Lisa Willis, Melinda Stephens, and Julie Thomas. Standing, Coach Laqueta Jo Bottoms, Janet Wallace, Mary Johnston, Vivian Breeden, Theresa Titsworth, Kim Hamlin, Carrie Loyd, Renee Ham, Julie Cumpston, Holly Wilson, Deborah Rowe, Marsha Johnson, Cindy Lovelady, Connie Sessions, Donna Rowe, and Lisa Yerby.

Three seniors lead Pointerettes



Marsha Johnson



Cindy Lovelady



Theresa Titsworth



Senior guard (left) Cindy Lovelady dribbles the ball downcourt after hauling down a rebound in the Northside game in the Grizzly gym. Lovelady proved to be the mainstay of the Pointerette defense by making all-region as a junior and a senior.





Above, sophomore Holly Wilson, looks to pass over a Northside Grizzlyette at the Northside gym. Below, members of the Pointerettes listen attentively to head mentor Laqueta Jo Bottoms.



Above, Cindy Lovelady, Janet Wallace (32), and Theresa Titsworth put the pressure on the opposition. Below, Junior Janet Wallace, sophomore all-region player, handles the ball.



Pointerettes gain win in state playoffs

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defeating host Charleston, 62-56.

The Pointerettes' last half rally fell short and dropped a tough one to Russellville, 51-44.

Coach Jo Bottoms used as many girls as possible in the 62-54 win over Rogers, Jan. 6.

A last-second desperation shot bounced off the glass no good to give the Pointerettes their first conference loss 50-48 at the hands of Greenwood.

As opening round setback to Alma, 63-56, eliminated Van Buren from, the Crawford County Tourney.

The Pointerettes defense gave Springdale five points the last frame enabling

VB to come from behind to win the Jan. 27 contest 44-42.

Alma's consistency was too much for the VB gals in the 46-41 loss to Alma the next night.

Mary Johnston was the catalyst in the 61-54 victory over Southside as she scored 30 points.

The next night on Jan. 31 Alma once again maintained an early lead and defeated the Pointerettes, 44-31. Of the six VB losses to date, three were to Alma.

Three nights later in a real shootout Van Buren got revenge over an earlier loss by defeating Russellville, 77-67. Johnston chipped in 29, with Marsha Johnson hitting

27 and Holly Wilson contributing 20.

Sophomores Mary Johnston and Holly Wilson teamed up to score 58 points as the Pointerettes blasted Morrilton, 74-60 in the 4AAA Tourney.

In the district finals, Alma downed VB 54-46 in a well played game by both squads. Marsha Johnson and Johnston tossed in 16 and 22 points, respectively.

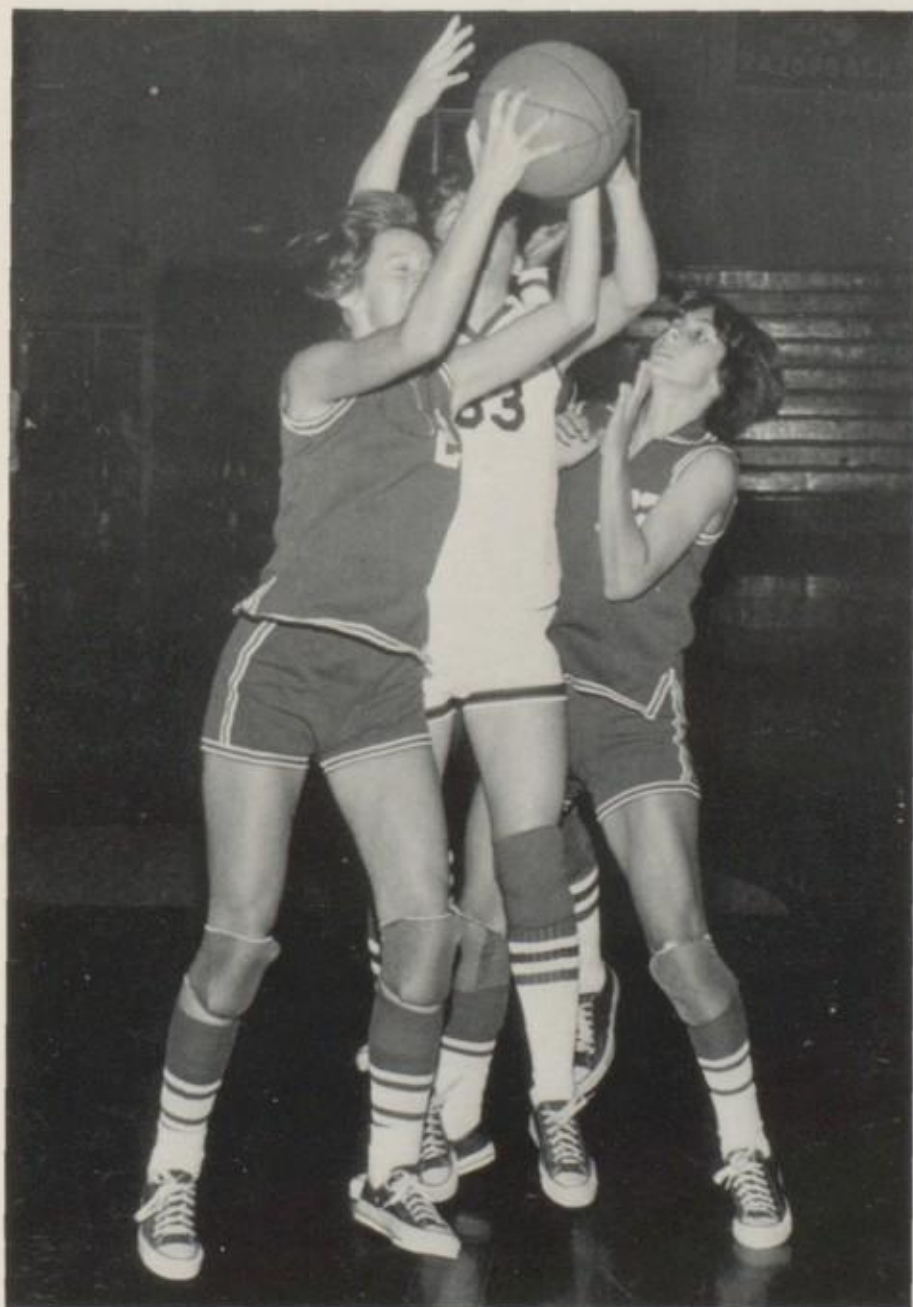
First-round action of the state AAA playoffs saw Van Buren roll over 2AAA champ Batesville, 63-50. Johnston led the way with 23 points while Johnston tallied 20.

The Pointerettes bowed out of the state tourney against defending state champs, Lonoke, 71-52 Feb. 16 at Rivercrest High School at Wilson. Johnston paved the way for VB by chipping in 25 points.

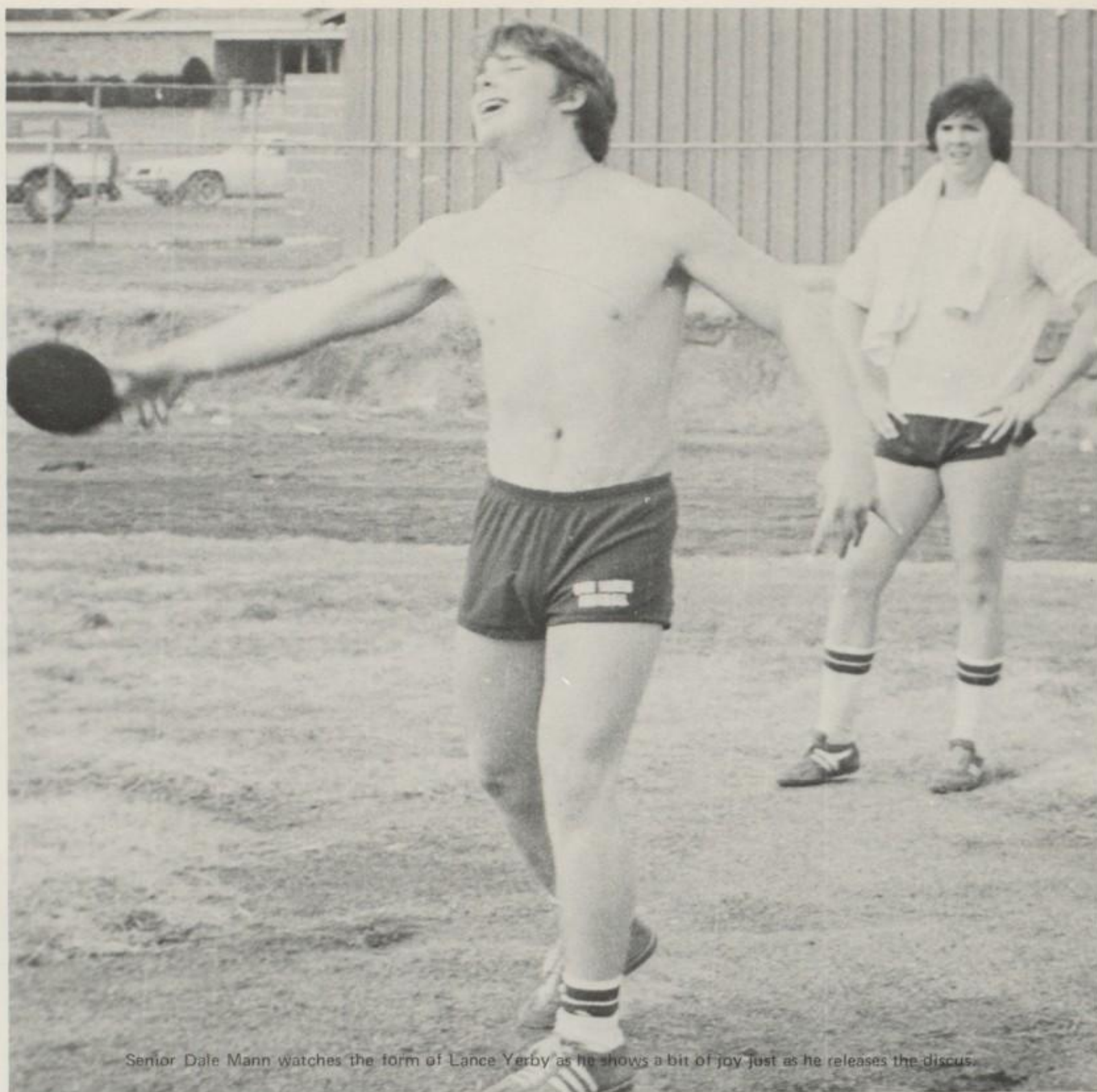


Junior forward Jullie Cumpton (left, 40) watches closely after swishing a bucket for the Pointerettes. (Above) Holly Wilson adds two points to the VB gals score as she is heavily guarded. Wilson added extra punch down the stretch for the Pointerettes.

Senior Pointerette Marsha Johnson prepares to add two points to the VB score from her set position.



(Left) Pointerette guards Cindy Lovelady (22) and Janet Wallace (32) battle for control of the ball after a Grizzlyette misfire in the Northside gym. (Right) Holly Wilson (20) sets to put the Pointerettes ahead by an additional two points also in the Northside gym.



Senior Dale Mann watches the form of Lance Yerby as he shows a bit of joy just as he releases the discus.



Steve Winkler, Tim Rowland, Tommy Strickland, and Andy Lyons pour it on going down the stretch.



Members of the 1978 Pointer track team are Craig Driggers, Michael Ray, Mike Brooks, Andy Lyons, and Daniel Lamproe.

Pointer thinclads looks to another successful season.

Bird Dogs thinclads opened the '77-78 season at Fort Smith. Coach Gary Autry greeted 20 hopefuls on opening day. Sprinters Mark Douglas, Joe Breeden, and Terrance Richardson head the list. Also pacing the Pointers were distancemen Tommy Strickland, Andy Lyons, and Herbert Kelly. Mike Brooks and Brad Perrier were the hurdlers with Lance Yerby, Mark Schmidt, and Jim Wilson being the fieldmen. Pole vaulter Randy Bible, high jumpers Ed Wornkey, and Paula Cluck, along with Mark Elkins, Eddie Cluck, Lee Smithson, Daniel Lamproe, and Craig Driggers rounding out the thinlies.

The schedule featured eight meets with March 17 and 21 as practice in Fort Smith. March 28 was the initial meet at Alma, with April 4 also at Alma. The Booneville relays were held April 7, on April 11 the Cyclone relays at Russellville, with the Airedale relays April 14, and the Fort Smith invitational April 21.

The Dogs opened the season in high hopes of the first 4AAA championship.



(Left) Senior shotputter Jim Wilson shows the form and determination that spread throughout the track team this season. Above Members of the 1978 Pointerette track team are Sabrina O'Kelley, Denise Breeden, Drew Darden and, standing, Suzanne Watts.

New courts big help for Pointer netters

This years Pointer tennis team appeared extremely promising considering it was the first year for Van Buren High School to have fully equipped courts.

The courts were constructed during the summer of 1977 summer. The construction consisted of eight courts which are fully lighted and can be used by the public as well as the tennis teams at the high school. In the past the tennis team used whatever courts were available in the city to use and some of these left alot to be desired.

This years boys team is coached by Riley Whitsett and are extremely hopeful of a district crown although they have very little experience. The Pointer tennis squad is led by the talents of John Holland, Ronnie Key and Jeff Swearingen.

Next years team could prove very awesome to foes as the only loss to graduation will be to Key.

The boys started working early by facing the cold winter weather immediately after Christmas break.



Members of the 1978 tennis team are, kneeling, Jay Bob Addams, John Killian, Mark Adams, Ronnie Key, and Jeff Swearingen. Standing, Jon Ellis, Tony Kendig, David Maxey, Alan McFadden, John Holland, and Coach Riley Witsett.



Letterman John Holland (Right) follows through as he returns the ball back over the net for the opponent to handle. (above) Senior Ronnie Key sends the ball flying to the other side. Key is the only player being lost by graduation.





Members of the 1978 Tennis Team are, left to right, front row: Melissa Holten, Terri Hobbs, Cheryl Batchelor, Sarah Hays, and Linda Robinson. Second row, Tammy Sallee, Delores Hopkins, Debbie Cooksey, Sheila English, and Lucy Kelley. Third row, Jennifer Organ, Cindy Streble, Susan Moore, Candy McGovern, and Theresa Picco. Fourth row, Carolyn Hatwig, Donita Blount, Joy Arnold, Robin Key, Sandra Wagnon. Back row, Coach Jerri Smith, Kim Hamlin, Cindy Lovelady, Holly Wilson, and Denise Terry.

Pointerette tennis squad looks to district championship

Coach Jeri Smith greeted 24 tennis hopefuls on opening day practice. She was faced with trying to cut it down considerably.

The team was eagerly awaiting the opening of the season as the new courts proved to be a big help. Seven seniors led the Pointerettes forces. The girls fought hard between them for a berth on the team, and no one member was completely safe as a challenge could quickly send them to the bottom.

Coach Smith planned an invitational tournament for the boys and girls to be held at Van Buren. Teams invited were Northside, Southside, and Fayetteville. She also had planned nine matches each for the two teams.

Cheryl Batchelor as the only returning letterman. Only those who attended district were awarded letters; two more also lettered but were lost to graduation.



(Left) Senior Linda Robinson watches the ball as teammate Cheryl Batchelor returns it in a practice. (Above) Tennis team mainstay Cheryl Batchelor prepares to move in on her opponent.

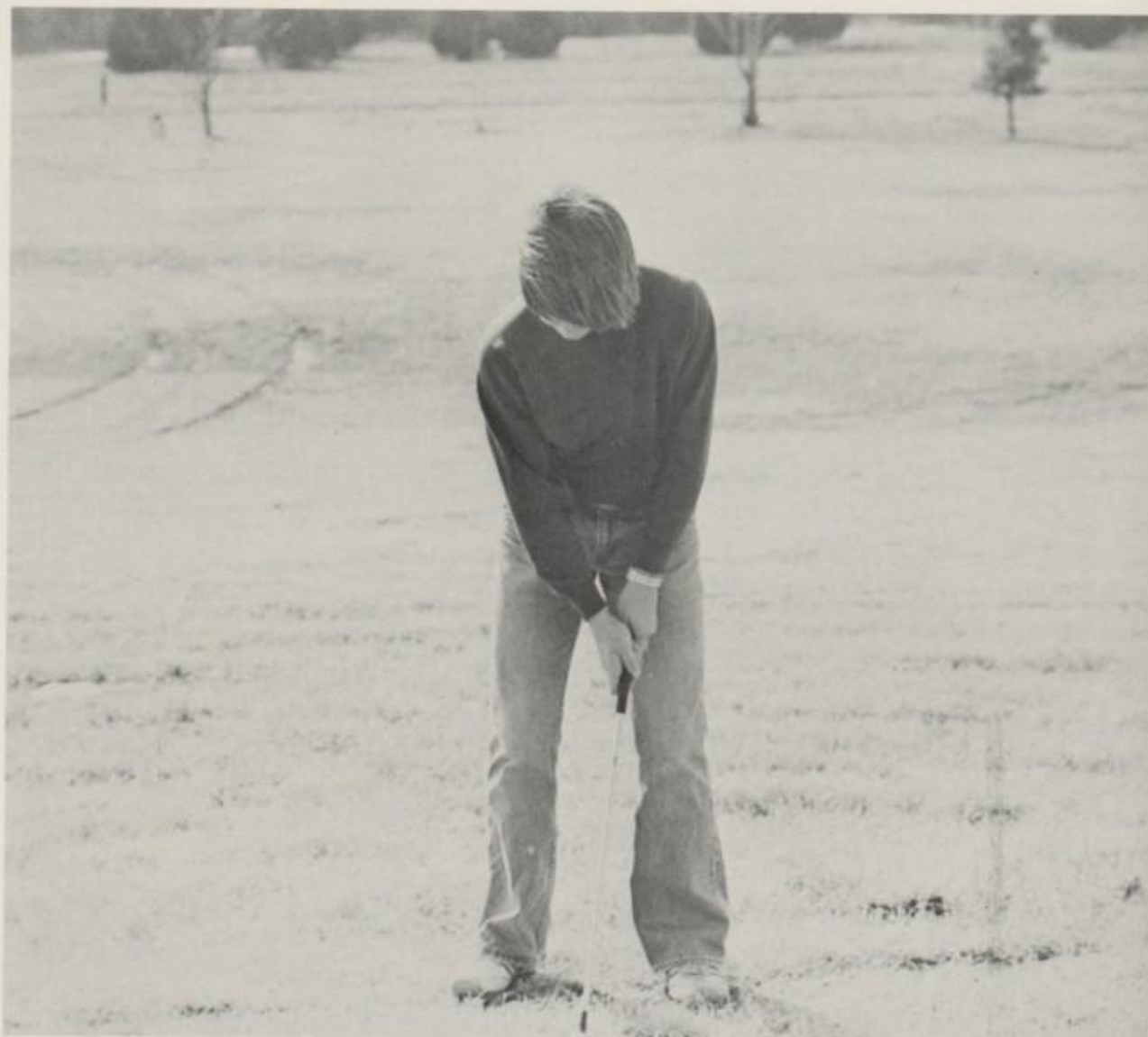
Pointer golfers exhibit state championship talent

Swinging on and on into the most successful athletic program in the past few years, the 1978 Pointer golfers had high hopes of another promising season. In the last three years, the Pointer golfers have conjured three district championships and won third in the state finish.

Coach Clair Bates directed a talented group of golfers consisting of seniors Joe-Ray Jones, Steve Barthol and juniors Chuck Hamilton and James Housley. All four of these players were returners from the previous team. Most of the leadership came from Jones, who was the 1977 District 2AA Medalist and State AA Medalist runner-up.

The team competes in four tournaments during the season. The Sallisaw Invitational, which the Dogs have won the past two years, the Hardscrabble, the District, and hopefully the State tourney.

Members of the 1978 Pointer Golf team are, Joe-Ray Jones, Jim Housley, Chuck Hamilton, and Bill Kennedy.



(Left) Three-year letterman Senior Joe-Ray Jones shows the form that made him the 1977 State Medalist Runner-up and fourth overall as only a sophomore. (Above) Junior Chuck Hamilton prepares to tee off for the Pointer golf team.



Volleyballers lose region title, finish high in tournament

After the loss of 13 graduating seniors last year, the Pointerette volleyball squad of this year suffered a sub-par year winning two of 11 games. They did, however, manage to capture fourth in the region by winning two matches at the district tourney held at Mena. The double elimination tourney saw Mena win it all as the VB gals won two of four games.

This was the first year an all-region team was chosen, and one hometown volleyballer had the distinct honor of being named to this prestigious squad; Cheryl Batchelor. Each team in the region chose someone off the other seven teams to be on the region team, then the coaches chose four more and finally met to pick the Most Valuable player.

The B-team finished 3-7. Playing much bigger schools was the main reason for the second-division records.

Senior A-Team Volleyball member Brenda Parker sets up to slap one back over the net as Debbie Cooksey alertly watches. (Right) The Pointerette A-team Volleyball members are: (front row) Lucy Kelley, Shiela English, Cheryl Batchelor, Brenda Parker, and Tammy Sallee. (second row) manager Kim Smith, Manager Donnita Blount, Linda Robinson, Sarah Hays, Coach Jeri Smith, Teresa Kelley, Melissa Holten, and manager Theresa Picco.



The Pointerette B-team: (front row) Sandra Wagnon, Denise Terry, Debbie Cooksey, Susan Moore, Lucy Kelley, and Candy McGovern. (top row) Manager Kim Smith, Manager Donnita Blount, Terri Hobbs, Joy Arnold, Coach Jeri Smith, Teresa Kelly, Delores Hopkins, Manager Theresa Picco, and Manager Millissa Holten.

Spirited cheerleaders reflect pride

It was a hectic, fun-filled year for the eight young ladies on the Pointer cheerleading squad.

The year started early for the girls as they attended the Shamrock cheerleading camp in Eufaula, Oklahoma last summer. And as usual, being from Van Buren, they won numerous awards, the award of excellence, the overall spirit award, a spirit stick, overall dorm awards, four excellent ribbon ratings in evaluation, and a super-star squad ribbon.

Summer activities for money raising included a rummage sale, a fireworks stand, and a full days work at the Sonic in Van Buren in which they received half of the profits made. Cheerleaders also received money for a days work at the Whirlpool Fair by selling ads for the Booster Club.

The girls stayed after school many hours to perfect the cheers and routines they used in pep assemblies and the ballgames. They performed at all Pointer football and basketball games in leading crowd enthusiasm and participation.

Cheerleaders were selected by the Arkansas Tech Cheerleaders. They were graded on cheers and yells, participation, and gymnastics. They picked Jennifer Organ, who was voted head by the girls, Denise Gramlich, who was voted co-head, Lucy Kelly, Joann Craig, Joyce Essman, Pam Pilgram, Carla Poole, and Pam Tiffin, Sponsor is Miss Julie Metro.



Cheering the Pointers on to victory is the 1977 Van High School cheerleaders. Shown here forming a pyramid are: Bottom row Pam Tiffin, Joann Craig, and Lucy Kelly. Second row Pam Pilgram, Jennifer Organ, and Denise Gramlich. Next is Joyce Essman, and on top is Carla Poole.



Co-head Denise Gramlich, head Jennifer Organ, and sophomores Pam Tiffin and Joann Craig (right) give their undivided attention to the center of the gym floor during a pep assembly. (Above) Prior to the finals of the AAA playoffs at Morrilton, the cheerleaders and hundreds of faithful Pointer fans line the field to form a tunnel for the Pointer football team.



Debut year sees

Pointer Prancers cap action-packed year



The 1977-78 Pointer Prancers drill team in its first year of operation are, (front row) Kelly Kennedy, Carrie Bell, Vicki Lambert, captain Darlene Spencer, Dayna Richmaond, Terri Grayson, and Kathy Trout. (Top row) Jeni Faught, Debbie Khilling, Cindy Patton, Melissa Griffin, Angie Mann, Betsy Ballard, and Angela Gooch. Sponsor for the Prancers was Mrs. Pat Stiles.

Twenty-six girls met at VBHS on May 26. They tried out for the Pointer Prancers, the drill team which was new to Van Buren. Chosen were 12 members with two alternates to represent the Prancers in their first season ever.

The girls attended the United Spirit Association Drill-Pom Camp at the University of Tulsa from July 12-15. And as usual, being from VB, they pranced away from the camp with 46 superior ribbons, nine excellent ribbons on individual evaluations, a third place trophy in overall competition, and a trophy for the highest average of superior ribbons.

They worked hard during the summer by practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and two all-day rehearsals. During the school year they met on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and Friday afternoon of home games.

The Prancers performances included: teacher appreciation day, homecoming reception, VB Christmas parade, all home basketball and football games, including the state playoff at Pocahtontas, and various pep rallies . . .



The Pointer Prancers (right) go through one of the many routines they used to dazzle the crowds. Here they perform prior to gridiron action. (Below) The girls are introduced for the first time during pre-game of the Van Buren-Alma football contest at Blakemore field.





Pride in

ENCOURAGEMENT





School board members and city officials enjoy the activities at the annual AFI R.O.T.C. inspection.

Dr. M. J. Graham, President
Mr. C. J. Franklin, Vice-President
Mr. Gene Bell, Secretary
Mr. Otis Arnold, member



Mr. Robert Daugherty, member
Mr. Gene Neidecker, member
Mr. Kenneth Poague, member
Mr. Iverson Riggs, member



Supervisors guide school smoothly

Superintendent of schools, Mr. James R. Tate, is the man who makes it all work. He graduated from Van Buren High School in 1948, then spent five years at the University of Arkansas, receiving a master's degree, and majoring in physical education.

After two years in the United States Army, he entered the Van Buren educational system in the fall of 1955.

He coached the junior high football team two years. In 1958 he worked alongside Coach Clair Bates, serving as assistant football and basketball coach. Serving as principal of VBHS four years, 1963-67, he soon acted as assistant superintendent under Mr. Robert W. Stephens, this being his last position before being named superintendent of schools.

Eight active school board members directed by Dr. M. J. Graham, president, work alongside Mr. Tate, including Mr. Otis Arnold, Mr. Gene Bell, Mr. Robert Daugherty, Mr. C. J. Franklin, Mr. Gene Neidecker, Mr. Kenneth Poague, and Mr. Iverson Riggs.

New to the administration this year is Mr. Bill Dunahoo, serving as Federal Programs Coordinator.

Mr. Larry Higgins is in charge of special education programs while Mr. Clyde Taylor takes charge as maintenance supervisor.

Cafeteria supervisor Anna B. Stephens plans the well balanced meals for all Van Buren students.



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Mrs. Anna B. Stephens, Cafeteria
Supervisor



Sophomore journalism student Stuart Rapier interviews Superintendent James R. Tate for his weekly beat.

Mitchell, Flenor help VBHS students gain best education

In an effort to help students gain the best education possible at VBHS, the problems facing the school and the students are worked out by Mr. Bill Mitchell and Mr. James Flenor, VBHS principal and assistant principal.

Mr. Mitchell has many duties to perform throughout the day as school principal. If a new teacher is needed to be hired, Mr. Mitchell has the responsibility of hiring a new teacher as a replacement. He also is in charge of approving all club activity calendar.

Balancing the school budget and approving the schedule changes of students are other responsibilities of Mr. Mitchell. He is also in charge of managing Van Buren High School's entire education program.

Mr. Flenor assists Mr. Mitchell with many of his duties every day, Mr. Flenor patrols the halls and parking lots, checks on students' attendance, fills out absentees, and disciplines students.



Mr. Billy Mitchell, B. S. E., M. Ed, Principal
Mr. James Flenor, B. S. E., M. Ed, Assistant Principal



Principal Bill Mitchell presses the button for a fire drill.



Social Studies teacher Don Martin (right) discussed school affairs with assistant-principal James Flenor (left) in his familiar stance observing court yard activities.



Senior Gary Barnes interests himself in a lesson in the new short story class as Craig Driggers seems to be intrigued at Gary's participation.

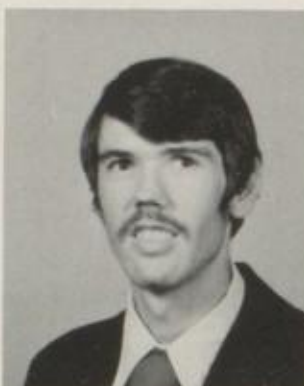


Senior Karla Rogers seems pleased with her floral assortment made in home ec.



Robby Plymale, Mrs. Patricia Stiles, Bruce Brown, and Dale Mann put together a fireplace used in the presentation of "A Christmas Carol." The new drama classes gave the play to the student body Dec. 15.

Mrs. Grace Barlow, B. S. E., English, sponsor, senior class; Mr. Bill Becker, B. S., history, sponsor, sophomore class



Miss Laqueta Jo Bottoms, B. S. E., girls' athletics; Mr. Ronald Brammer, B. S. E. band



Mr. Henry Chotard, B.A., French, mathematics, sponsor, junior class; Mr. Bill Colvard, B.S., M.Ed., science, sponsor, sophomore class



Miss Elizabeth Davis, B.S.E., M.S.E., special education, sponsor, Special Olympics; Mr. Don Dixon, B.A., study hall, PE, boys' athletics



Mr. Jerry Duncan, B.S., biology, sponsor, Chess Club; Col. David Ellis, B.S., R.O.T.C., orienteering team, sponsor, senior class



Mr. James Faught, B.A., English, sponsor, Creative Writing Club; Miss Mary Maude Gallagher, B.A., M.T., M.A., journalism, Spanish, sponsor, The Pointer, The Pointer Trail, Mirrors of our Minds, Quill and Scroll



Senior Ronald Evans puts the final touch on a painting in an art class.



Senior Tim Rowland (above) listens to a French tape in the language laboratory as does sophomore Ronnie Hodges (below).



English exhibits new courses

From Mrs. Grace Barlow's term paper to Mr. Gordon Yearty's "Newsweeks," English and social studies play a big part in the life of VBHS students.

There have been changes made in the Language Arts department this year. Short story, folklore and mythology, and Spanish are all new. Because of heavy enrollment there was only one class of Journalism I. In Journalism II there was an eight page issue printed bi-monthly, with three twelve page issues. For the second year Journalism III presented the students with the biggest yearbook published by Henington in Arkansas.

Due to crowded conditions, Mr. Randy Scarbrough U. S. history, geography and sociology teacher, was moved to the partitioned study hall room, 114.

Another change in the English department was, grammar and literature were divided into semester courses. Previously they were combined as a full year course.

The Language Arts students also received new text books this year.

According to Mr. Don Martin, U. S. history, sociology and government teacher, "The social studies department has been taking a more realistic approach of group social living in the last few years." Mr. Gordon Yearty heads the social studies department, Mrs. Grace Barlow, English.

Students Excel in Math

If a baseball player hits a baseball with a velocity of 40 feet per second, will it clear a fence 20 feet high, 400 feet away? If this problem is recognizable, you probably were in Mr. Ralph Hughes' physics class.

Besides teaching physics, Mr. Hughes teaches pre-calculus, senior math, Algebra II, and is sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta.

Pre-cal is an advanced math course designed to prepare students for college math, which can become difficult. Only a small number of students here at VBHS take this course. In Algebra II they study mathematically related problems such as logarithms, probabilities, and tricky math problems.

Mr. Hughes teaches one class of physics, a single class of pre-cal, which sported a total of 15 different students. He also had two classes of senior math, and one large Algebra II class.

Also teaching senior math was Mr. Henry Chotard. His classes reviewed the fundamentals of math, like percentages, decimals, fractions, base numbers, and many basic math concepts. He had two mathematics classes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Matsler introduced the young sophomores to the world of angles, theorems, and the always popular proofs in her four periods of geometry. Sophomores took a big jump from the junior high algebra to the senior high geometry, and Mrs. Matsler had the job of adapting these students. In addition to her geometry duties she had an Algebra I class.

For a lot of these students in mathematics class there is one goal in mind; to make Mu Alpha Theta. This is an honor society of math students who have maintained a B average from ninth grade to second semester of their junior year. They are at this time inducted by Mr. Hughes, sponsor. One big assignment for Mu Alpha Theta is the National Math Test given to top math students in the school every year.



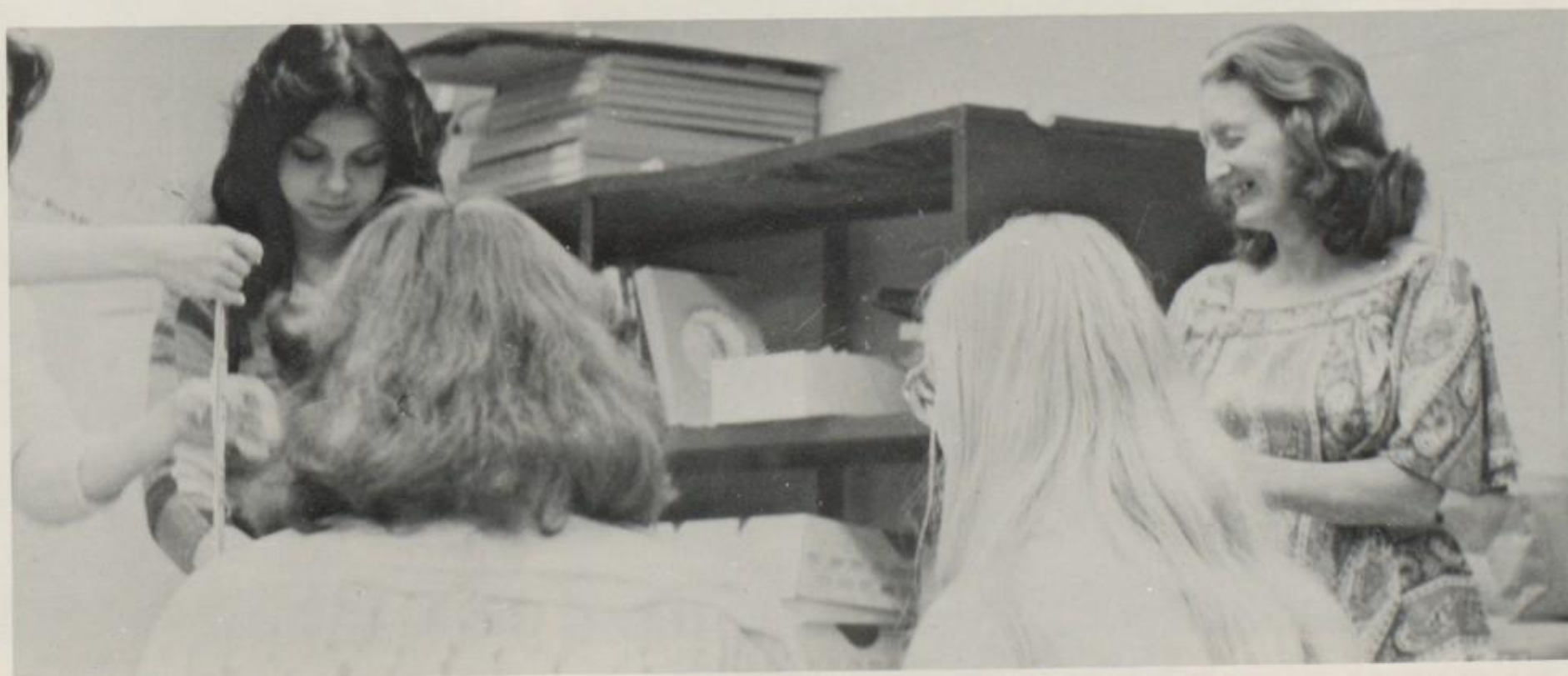
Showing the ease of an algebra problem is junior Brian Perrier in Mr. Ralph Hughes' Algebra II class.



A student enjoys the ease of an IBM Selectric typewriter. Forty of these typewriters were bought from IBM.



Senior Tracy Dyer uses the reader/printer in the counselor's office. The reader/printer was purchased by the Van Buren School System early last year.



Mrs. Eugene Lopez shows senior Cheryl Hudson the art of making a pinata during a first year Spanish class as sophomores Carolyn Reed and Karen Jones observe.

Fine Arts Maintain pride in achieving goals

All in all, Van Buren's fine arts departments upheld pride in each goal they strived for.

Stationery, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, carrying concerts, region and state contests are just a few of the things that choral music, drama, art, and band were kept busy with this year.

Mr. Dale Kesner's choral music took honors at region and state contests. In between practices they sold stationery to help raise money for their new blue baby piano.

Mr. Ron Brammer's 64-member band marched its way to two first-division awards at the Russellville and Camden marching contests. They placed 45 people in the All-Region bands and several in the All-State band. In addition they played the annual Southern Band Directors Conference at Mississippi for 800 band directors in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Evelyn Holleman's art students tramped through chemistry classes on their way to the darkroom to learn photography as an art. They were also introduced to wood carving, a new art form at VBHS. Students kept the office and halls bright and cheerful with the aid of paintings and posters.

No auditorium, limited funds, and make-shift costumes were three of the troublesome things that Mrs. Patricia Stiles' drama students dealt with. In December they presented A Christmas Carol to the student body in a special assembly the day before Christmas vacation.



A lively panel discussion takes place in World Affairs class.



After school paste-up at the Courier finds junior journalists Ronald Flanagan and Pam Key busy as they meet another Pointer Trail deadline.



Practicing to perfection are several Van Buren Band members in an instrumental techniques class.



Mrs. Linda Gant, B.S.E., Librarian, sponsor, Student Council, Library Club; Mrs. Joan Harper, B.S. Business, sponsor, senior class



Miss Amelia Harrison, B.A., English 12, sponsor, junior class; Sgt. Charles Holcombe, R.O.T.C., sponsor, rifle team



Mrs. Evelyn E. Holleman, B.A., Art, sponsor, Art Club; Mrs. Martha Howell, secretary to superintendent



Mr. Ralph Hughes, B.S.E., M.S., mathematics, sponsor, Mu Alpha Theta; Mr. Dale Kessner, B.A., choral music, sponsor, study hall, Partners in Christ



Mrs. Elizabeth Jo Matsler, B.S.E., M.A., Mathematics, sponsor, junior class; Mrs. Linda May, B.A., English, sponsor, sophomore class



Miss Julia Metro, B.S.E., English, cheerleader sponsor; Mrs. Emma Posey, study hall, librarian, sponsor, National Honor Society



New courts "serve" phys ed

Flying yellow balls and swinging tennis racquets were no more uncommon for VBHS than hearing "How's your backhand?"

The new tennis courts added to the 1977-78 physical education classes. Upon completion of the courts, tennis became a part of the classes. The courts located on Pointer Trail were built by the City of Van Buren under a federal grant.

Other activities in the P. E. classes included basketball, softball, volleyball, gymnastics, dancing, ping-pong, exercising, soccer, and speedball.

Thudding feet, bouncing balls, shouts of joy can be heard through the VBHS gym daily. Throughout each course the students are taught and practice the basic skills of the various activities.

Excitement is the name of the game as everyone gets wound up in the action and skills like volleying, dribbling, and serving all become instincts.

Unlike past years, students are now required to have at least one full credit of physical education. It may be obtained in either the sophomore, junior, or senior year.



"Batting the ball" gives students different attitudes towards volleyball. Sophomores Brad Perrier, Larry Beaver, David Whited, Greg Trosper, Tim Neideker, and James Earl Stewart get a good workout in fourth period P. E.



Junior Craig Hobson plays on the baby grand piano purchased Oct. 31 by the music department with money raised by selling stationery and by Season's Vibrations. Donna Furr (seated), Richard Green, and Cathy Finney look on.



Chemistry is an interesting subject to Junior Eddie Smith as he observes chemicals through a flask.

Sgt. Elzy Ramsey, R. O. T. C.



Mrs. Ola Sue Rainwater, B. S. E.,
business, sponsor, junior class



Mr. Walter Rockwell, B. S. E. and
M. Ed., Counselor, sponsor,
Student Council



Mrs. Hazel Rogers, B. S. E., Home
Economics, sponsor, Future
Homemakers of America



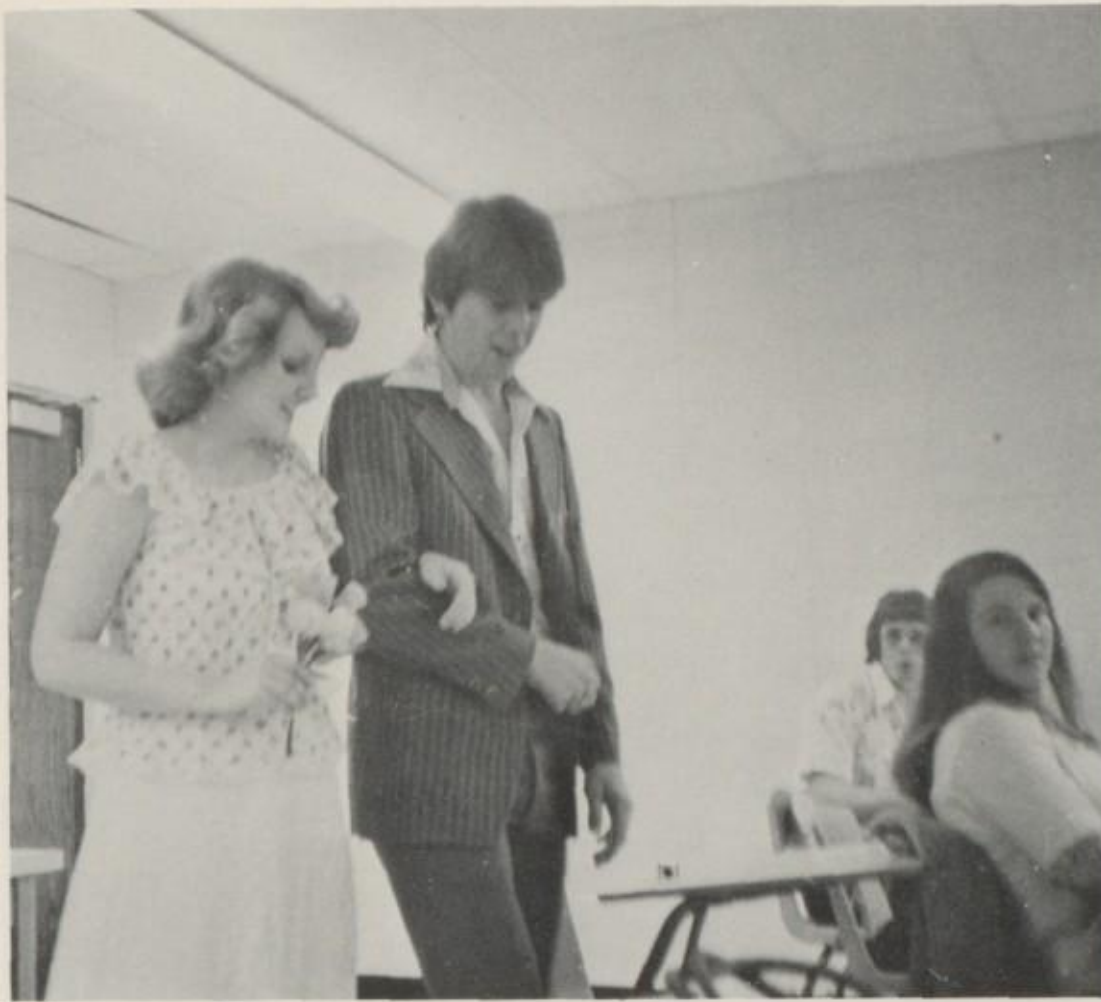
Mr. John Rotert, B. S. E. and M. Ed.,
English, sponsor, Future Teachers
of America



Mr. Randolph Scarbrough, B. S. E.
and M. S. E., social studies,
sponsor, sophomore class



Senior Cheryl Batchelor, National Honor Society president, and sponsor Mrs. Emma Posey discuss plans for the spring induction of the new sophomore and junior members.



Senior Angie Johnson is escorted by her "father", senior Andy Scott, during the mock wedding ceremony held in the home and family class while seniors Richard Kimberly and Dean Dunn look on.

Practical arts sew students' future

Practical arts includes a wide range of the VBHS curriculum. Students make preparations for careers in the business world with such courses as typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping. Home economics classes teach boys and girls how to cook and sew while home and family living classes deal with family situations and problems.

Distributive education offers students regular classes for part of the day while they also receive on-the-job training through local businesses.

Mrs. Joan Harper and Mrs. Ola Rainwater teach the business subjects. This year the department bought 40 new IBM Selectric typewriters. They offered for the first time, a personal typing class. Mrs. Hazel Rogers teaches economics and home and family living, Mr. Riley Whitsett, distributive education.

Drivers' education helps to develop driving skills through actual driving experience and the use of a driving simulator. Coach Clair Bates instructs the drivers' education classes.

In the science department, leaf collections were one more way for biology students to learn about the world around them.

Chemistry and physics helped prepare students for college courses and careers.



Mr. Bill Colvard, science teacher, demonstrates a chemistry experiment to Brian Perrier, Donald Actkinson, and Melissa Griffin.



Ebenezer Scrooge, (Richard Green) is haunted by his deceased partner Jacob Marley (Dale Mann) in the drama classes presentation of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol."

ROTC, counselors preserve values

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, under the command of Col. David Ellis, Sgt. Elzy Ramsey, Sgt. Charles Holcombe, and Corps Commander Tommy Strickland, and the Van Buren High School counselors, Mr. Walter Rockwell and Mrs. Pat Webb, had their hands full trying to ready students for whatever life might throw at them.

JROTC offered a new course in orienteering this year. Instruction in map reading was given every morning before school in the ROTC room by Col. Ellis. Their orienteering team took first, second, and third places at a competition held at Fort Chaffee. As their fund raising project, ROTC students sold cans of "Golden Crumbles" candy.

This year Mrs. Pat Webb counseled full time at VBHS. She formerly divided her time between junior and senior highs. Mrs. Webb and Mr. Rockwell were the guiding forces in many students' decisions. They helped with planning schedules, student record keeping, what college where has what to offer, or maybe they assisted someone through a time of personal crisis. Whatever it was, they were always there.



Col. David Ellis and Corps Commander Tommy Strickland complete the inspection of J. R. O. T. C. members.



Sophomore Terry DeWitt discusses a schedule change with Mr. Walter Rockwell, counselor.



Mrs. Jeri Smith, B. S. E., P. E., health, sponsor, Rodeo Club



Mrs. Patricia Stiles, B. S. E., M. A., social studies, speech, and drama, sponsor, Pointer Prancers and junior class



Mrs. Ann Telaar, secretary to principal



Mrs. Pat Webb, B. S. E., M. Ed., counselor



Mr. Riley Whitsett, B. S. E., distributive education



Mr. Gordon Yearty, B. A. social studies, sponsor, senior class

A day in the life of a Pointer . . .

. . . begins every morning, Monday through Friday, at 8:00 a. m. with drowsy eyelids, many yawns, and a very few alert minds.

Some classes are "mind-boggling" such as Algebra II, physics, chemistry and geometry; while others are purely physical such as girls and boys athletics, choral music, band and typing.

VBHS English took on a new dimension when it added enjoyable, one-semester courses including drama, American Literature, creative writing, mythology and others.

Students had an opportunity to "travel" in their minds with such classes as World affairs, Arkansas history, and government.

After-school hours can be spent in many ways. Extracurricular activities, jobs, term-papers and homework fill many basketball, football and track work outs, marching for band, drill team prancing, working on school publications and choral music's practices all go together to complete a Pointer's left-over afternoon.

When the sun goes down, Pointer's lives light-up. Traditional bonfires, sign-making parties, ball games, dances, dates and cruising, there is never a dull moment in . . .

The Day in the Life of a Pointer.



Juniors Lesa Kordis and Susan Oliver check their yardage on Mrs. Joan Harper's football field where she keeps track of the Typing I classes' "Speed and accuracy".



Journalism students asked Governor David Pryor questions rapidly during a student press conference in room 602 prior to the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet in the school cafeteria.



Practice is a daily ritual for band members as exhibited by junior Daryl Stevens as he warms up on his tuba in the band hall.



Greg Keith and Jeff Belcher vie for practice shots in Boys P. E. while Randy Bible, Joe Breeden, and Bill Lloyd look on.



School board member C. J. Franklin leads the Pointer cheerleaders in a pregame prayer at Morrilton prior to the Pointer victory over the Devil dogs for the AAA state football championship.



Practicing every Monday after school, Treblettes sang at State Realtors Convention on Sept. 21 at Sheraton Inn in Fort Smith.



Sophomores took an active part in P. E. classes in order to keep fit. Jamie McConnell demonstrates this as she does a side jump over the horse while Jane Huff waits her turn.



In the "A Christmas Carol" presented by the drama classes, senior Roland Hawkins as Fred tries to convince his Uncle Scrooge (senior Richard Green) of the true meaning of Christmas as Scrooge's assistant (senior Tim Rowland) works in the background.

A day in the life of a Pointer . . .



Junior Bill Kennedy confers with English instructor Amelia Harrison.



Due to an increase in enrollment the 1977-78 study hall students attended some classes in the school cafeteria.



Miss Mary Maude Gallagher, Spanish instructor, shows her serape to Spanish students, junior Rose Muller and sophomore Jon Ellis. Rose, a Vietnamese refugee, is studying her fourth language.

Cooking and cleaning keep students healthy and happy

Although not all VBHS students eat in the lunchroom every day, most go in the lunchroom now and then. When a student does want to eat, because of supervisor Anna B. Stephens, manager Mary Mitchell, Mildred Faulkenberry, Edwina Scarborough, Cecelia Thorman, Pauline Brown, and Frankie Hopwood he can depend on a hot lunch. The cooks also did some extra duty this year. They cooked the dinner for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet at which Governor David Pryor was guest speaker, and the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year was Dr. Millard C. Edds.

People who don't eat in the lunchroom usually eat in the concession stand. Naturally when everyone leaves, there's a big mess left behind. This year the VB school system hired Mr. Ed Pierce especially to clean up the gym and the concession stand after the games, assemblies, pep rallies, break, and lunch.

To clean up the courtyards, locker areas and bathrooms we have our old dependable Ace and Jane Herndon.



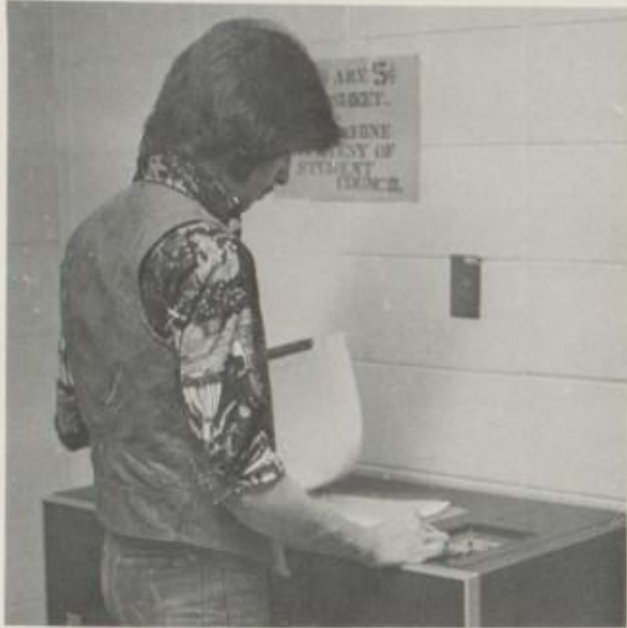
Ace and Jane Herndon clean the halls and bathrooms after every school day.



Lunchroom supervisor Mary Mitchell and substitute cook Peggy Martin serve a hot lunch to hungry students.



Ed Pierce, new janitor of the gym, works steadily in the concession area.



Pride in

ENROLLMENT



Seniors earn superior honors

As the doors of school once more open in August the seniors of '78 walk through the open courtyard of VBHS, knowing each activity they participate in will be their last. Homecomings, Mrs. Grace Barlow's term papers, ballgames, club meetings, sign making parties, prom, baccalaureate, senior banquet and the main goal of the 201 seniors walking to "Pomp and Circumstance" on Blakemore Field in May.

Although sad in some ways, knowing it would be a last school event, Football Homecoming was a tremendous success as the Pointers slaughtered the third ranked Rogers Mountaineers, then going on to win the AAA state championship crown. Sixteen senior gridsmen, for the first time in 47 years, have the honor of graduating as a state championship player.

Mark Douglas made a name for himself in football by winning, All-State, All-District, All-Region, Co-Running Back of the Year, Super-Team, and All-South, the second Van Buren player to ever win this last accomplishment. Lance Yerby also received All-Region, and All-State.

Karla Rogers was named Miss Congeniality at the annual Miss Crawford County pageant. Melinda Stephens was third runner-up.

Thirteen senior band members played at Hattiesburg, Miss. at a Band Directors Conference in February. The Pointer band was the only band in Arkansas to be invited.

During summer vacation, the Class of '78 went to a local photographer for senior portraits. They chose business suits and turtleneck sweaters for boys and girls respectively, to show distinction in their last school Pointer.

Which college to attend will be the next decision most seniors will make. Whether the University, Tech, Vocational school or Westark the Class of '78 will always have a special feeling for the old alma mater and the green and white.



Senior Class officers are President Betsy Ballard (seated) Vice-President Cindy Lovelady (kneeling) Secretary Liz Quoss and Reporter Richard Green (standing).

Mark Adams . . . R. O. T. C. 1.
Terri Akins . . . Pep Squad 1; Partners in Christ 1,2; Junior-Senior Girls' Chorus 1,2; Teardrops 2; Trebelettes 3
Stanley Aldridge

Joe Alexander . . . DECA 2,3.
Mark Arnold
Lauren Ball . . . Creative Writing 1, Vice-President 2; All-Region Band 1,2.



Graduating class proves leadership by honors



Betsy Ballard . . . Class President 1,3; Student Council 2, Chaplain 3; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Office Worker 3; Pointer Prancers 3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3; Honor Society 1,2,3; Pep Squad 1; Pointer Trail Feature Editor 2; Volleyball Manager 2; Football Homecoming Maid 3.

Leland Barclay . . . Class Secretary 1; Chess Club 1,2,3, President 2, Vice-President 3; Quill and Scroll 2,3; Vice-President 3; Pointer Trail 1,2,3; Sports Editor 2; National Quill and Scroll Sports Writing Contest Award Winner 2; Pointer Sports Editor 3; Directory Editor 3; Band 1,2,3; President 3; Band Council 3; All-Region 1,2,3; Squad Leader 3.

Gary Barnes . . . Art Club 1; Football 1,2,3.



Seniors realize their dream of 12 years, graduating at Blakemore Field.



Steve Barthol . . . Golf 2,3.

Cheryl Batchelor . . . Student Council 1,2,3; Honor Society 1,2,3; Secretary 2, President 3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3; FCA 2; Vice-President; Office Worker 3; Tennis 1,2,3; District 1,2; Volleyball 2,3; Captain 2,3; All-District 3; Girls State 2; Miss VBHS nominee 3.

Linda Yakley Becker

Sandra Bell . . . Partners in Christ 2; Music 2,3; Treasurer 3; FHA President 1.

Vint Bell . . . FCA 1; Pointer Trail 1,2; Football 1,2,3; 2 year letterman.

Carol Bigler . . . Class Reporter 2; The Pointer Trail Editor-in-Chief 2; Band 1,2; All-Region 1; Majorette 1,2.

Joe Boster . . . Art Club 1,2.
Susie Brasuell . . . R. O. T. C. Squad Leader 1; Sergeant staff 1; Partners in Christ 1; Pointer Trail sports writer 1,2; Pointer Editor 3; Quill and Scroll Secretary-Treasurer 3; Drill Team 1; Football Homecoming Maid 2; Junior Beauty Nominee 2; Senior Beauty Nominee 3; Directory 3.
Connie Bray . . . Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Librarian 2; Library Club 2; Senior-Junior Glee Club 1,2.

Ken Brewer
Linda Brewer
Anne Brooks . . . R. O. T. C. 1.

Mike Brooks . . . Student Council 2, President 3; FCA 2,3, Vice-President 2; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3; Partners in Christ 2; Honor Society 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3; All-Region 2,3; All-Area SWTR 2; letter 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Boy's State 2.



Senior Andy Lyons, Student Council representative, speaks to students on revising the council's constitutional amendments.



Mark Elkins and Johnny Hardcastle, senior basketball players, view the memorial case of Wendall Gabbard, a former Pointer killed in a tragic accident.

Seniors strive for future success in individuality.



Teresa Brown
Candie Brumley
Chuck Bules . . . FCA 1,2; Football 1; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; D. Company Commander 3.



Helen Calos . . . Pep Club 1; Honor Society 3; Quill and Scroll 2,3; Librarian 3; Pointer Trail Editorial Editor 2; Graduation usher 2.
Mike Canady
Lucy Carter



Tim Clemmons . . . Art Club 3; Band 1.
John Clotfelter . . . Football 1,2; R. O. T. C. 1.
Terry Cockrum . . . R. O. T. C. 1; football 3.



Patsy Corbell . . . Partners in Christ 2,3; Partners in Prayer 2; FHA 3; Teacher's Aid 3.
Charles Curry . . . Band 1,2,3; All-Region 1,2; Drum Major 3.
Jim Danciu . . . FCA 1,2; R. O. T. C. 1; Football 1.



Rocky Davis
Troy Dodd . . . DECA 1,2,3; Art Club 2.
Debbie Domerese . . . FTA 3; Teacher's Aid 3; Pointer Trail Reporter 1.



Mark Douglas . . . Art Club 2,3; Teacher's Aid 2,3; Football 1,2,3; Outstanding Back 2; All-Region 2; All-State 3; All-Region 3; Super Team 3; All-South 3; Co-running back of the year 3; Track 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; SWTR runner up 2; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Company Commander 3; Boy's State 2.
Debbie Dye . . . R. O. T. C. Drill Team 1,2, Captain 3; Girl's Glee Club 1,2.
Tracy Dyer . . . FHA 1; Office Worker 1,2,3; Pointer Trail 1,2; Mirrors of our Minds 2.

Work, college next step in many seniors' plans

Dean Dunn . . . R. O. T. C. 1, Drill Team 2,3; Librarian 1,3; Teacher's Aid 3.
 Lesia Dunn . . . Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3;
 Band 1,2; All-Region 1; Office Worker 3; Head Usher at Baccalaureate 2,
 Graduation 2.
 Sheila English . . . Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Honor Society 1,2; Mu Alpha Theta
 2,3; Chamber Choir 1; Junior Senior Chorus 1,2; All-Region 2; Volleyball 3;
 Teacher's Aid 3; Miss Junior Class Nominee.

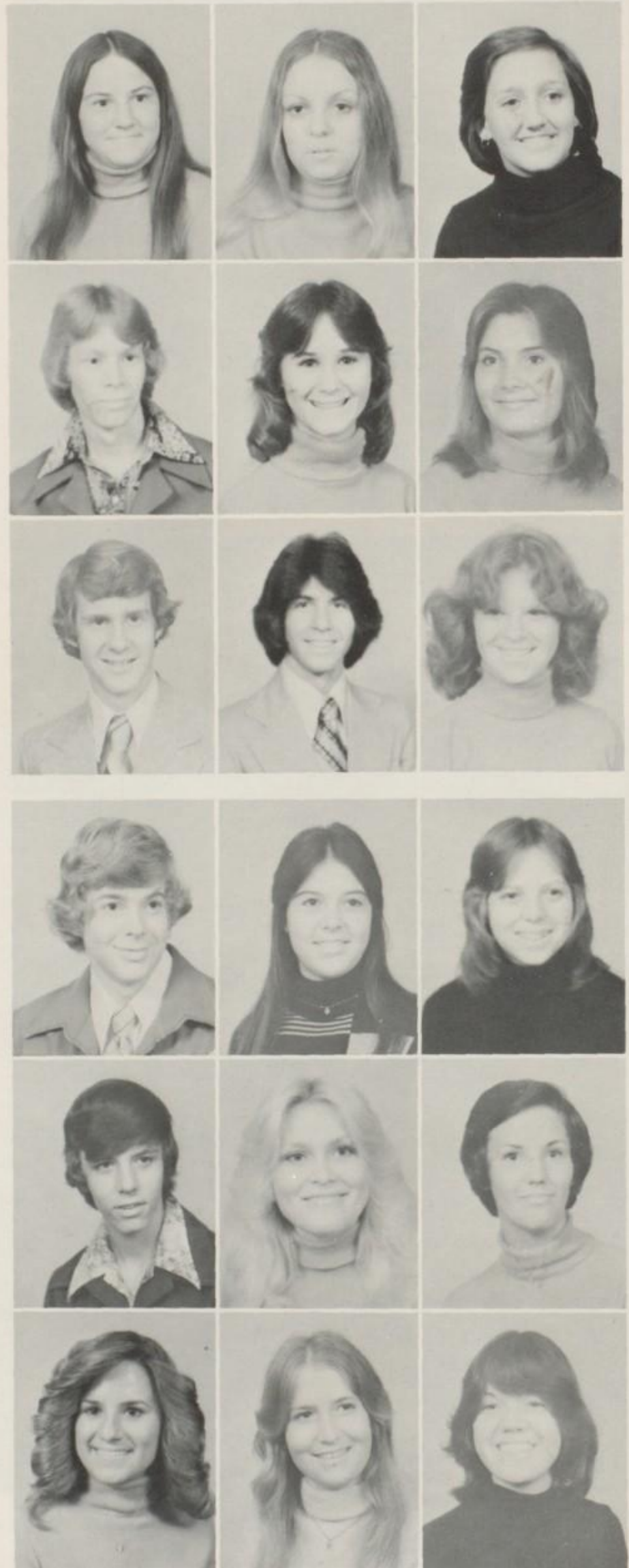
Ron Evans . . . Art Club 1,2; DECA 3.
 Jeri Faught . . . FCA 1,2; FTA 3; FHA 3; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3.
 Tammie Fischer . . . FHA 1; DECA 2,3.

Clayton French . . . Partners in Christ 2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,3; President 3;
 Region, State 2,3; FHA Beau 3; Mr. VBHS nominee 3.
 Ron Fow . . . Advanced Woodshop 1,2; Track 1; Scuba and skin diving 1,2,3.
 Gail Fowler . . . Partners in Christ 2; Mixed Chorus 2; Pointer Junior High
 co-editor 3.

Leon Gaithe . . . Mu Alpha Theta.
 Patricia Gamble . . . Office Worker 1,2,3.
 Jeannette Garner . . . DECA 2,3.

Ricky Garrett
 Trinah Gilbert . . . Choral Music 1,2,3; Treblettes 3.
 Teresa Glass . . . Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Office Worker 3; Mixed Chorus 1,2;
 Junior-Senior Chorus 3; Teardrops 2; Treblettes 3.

Angela Gooch . . . Pointer Prancers 3; Office Worker 1,2,3; Rodeo Club 2.
 Becky Graham
 Debbie Graham





Seniors Ronnie Key, Theresa Titsworth and Julie Thomas find the open courtyard a place of relaxation during break.



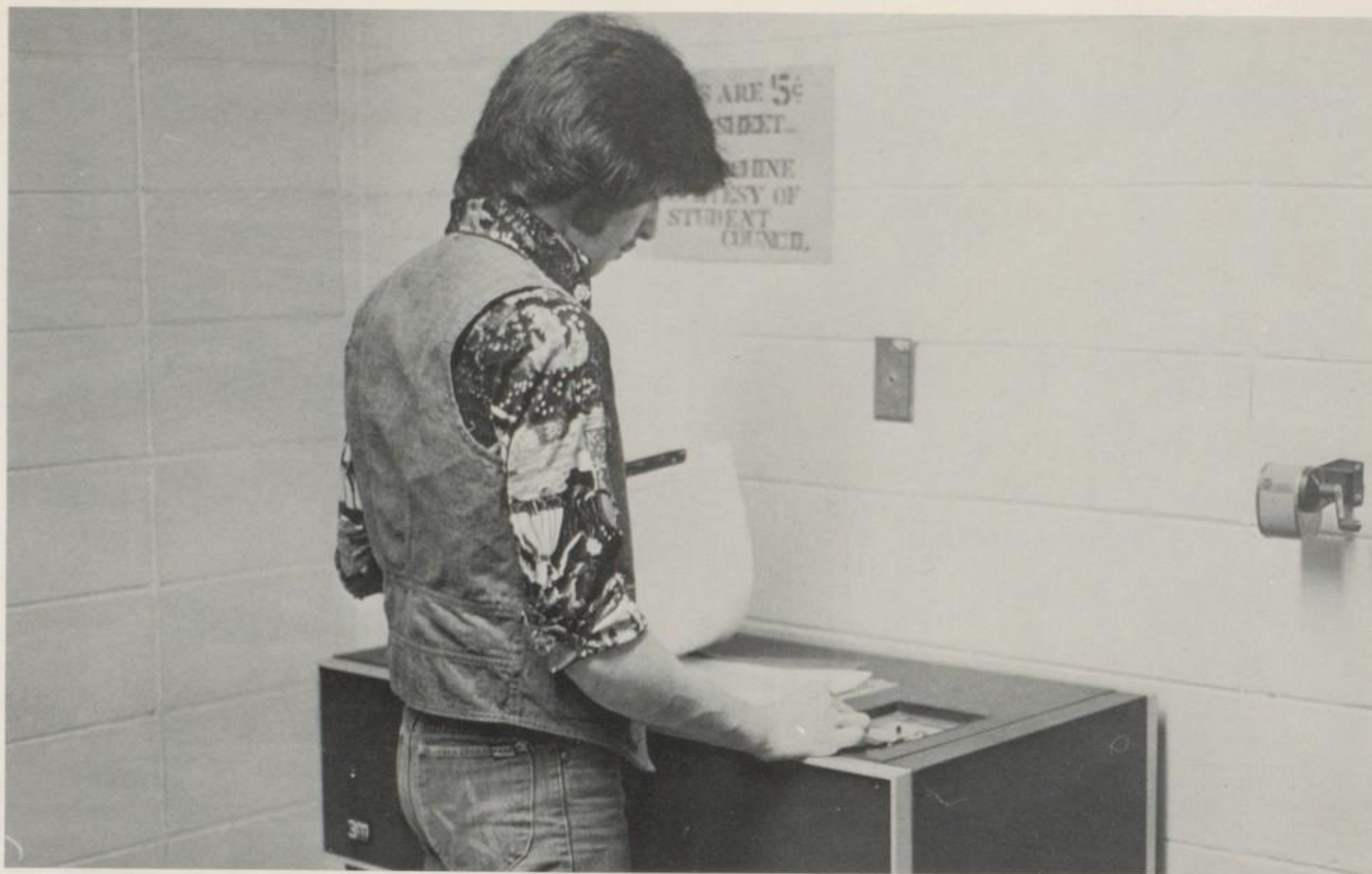
Scott Graham . . . Skateboard Team 1,2,3.
Denise Gramlich . . . Honor Society 1,2,3; Cheerleader 1,2,3; Co-Head 3; Pep Squad 1; Volleyball 1; Track 1; Beauty Nominee 1,3; Football Homecoming Maid 1; Queen 3; Basketball Homecoming Maid 2; Miss Junior Class; Miss VBHS nominee 3; Music class secretary 3.
Richard Green . . . Class Reporter 3; Rodeo Club 1,2, Vice President 3; R. O. T. C. 1,2; Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Partners in Prayer 2; DECA 3; Band 1; Mixed Chorus 2; Tennis 2; Master of Ceremonies at Football Homecoming 3.



Jim Hale
Mark Hancock . . . Basketball 1; Westark 3.
John Hardcastle . . . FCA 1,2,3; Art Club 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3.



John Harris . . . Band 1,2,3; Squad Leader 3.
Jan Hawkins . . . Creative Writing 2, President 3.
Roland Hawkins . . . Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Honorable Mention and All-District Football 3.



Ron Fow, senior, makes copies of material in the library. The machine was bought by the Student Council.

Sarah Hays . . . Student Council 2,3; Honor Society 3; Partners in Christ 3; Glee Club 2, President 3; Treblettes 2,3; FCA 1,2; Pep Squad 1; Chamber Choir 1; Music 1, All-Region 2,3; All-State 2; Mirrors of our Minds Editor 2; Pointer Trail Columnist 2; Basketball 1; Tennis 2,3; Volleyball 2,3; Senior Beauty Nominee.
Pam Heathcock . . . Pep Squad 1.
Lisa Heiss . . . FHA 1; French Club 1; Band 1,2; Squad Leader 3; Band Queen 3.



Kevin Hicks
Jeffrey Hill . . . Band 1; R. O. T. C. 1; DECA 2.
Mindy Holt . . . Thespians 1; Youth for Christ 1; Band 1; Girl's Glee Club 2,3.



Cheryl Hudson . . . Class Secretary-Treasurer 2; Art Club 2, Vice President 3; DECA 3; Student Council 3; Choral Music 2.
Nancy Hudson . . . FHA 1, Reporter 2; Vice President 3; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Office Worker 2,3.
Randy Huff . . . DECA 1,2, President 3; R. O. T. C. 1; Band 1; Music 2; Teacher's Aide 3; "Student of the Year" DECA 2.



Seniors find library helpful in academic studies



James Irvan . . . Music 1,2,3; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3.
Lynn Israel . . . FCA 1; Basketball 1; Track 1; District runner 1; Pointer Trail Circulation Manager 2; Pointer 3; Pointer Beauty Calendar Editor 3; Directory Staff 3; Beauty nominee 1,3.
Lynne James . . . R. O. T. C. 1; FHA 1; Librarian 1,2,3.



Mitzi Jenkins . . . FHA 1; FCA 1; Honor Society 2,3; Basketball 1,2; Track 1.
David Johns . . . DECA 1,2.
Angela Johnson . . . Pep Squad 1; B-Team Cheerleader 2.



Cheryl Johnson . . . Band 1,2,3; All-Region 1,2,3; Vice President 3; Squad Leader 3; All-State 2; Court 3; Flagline 3; Librarian 1,2,3.
Marsha Johnson . . . FCA 1,2,3; Band 1; All-Region 1; Basketball 1,2,3.
Maudie Johnson . . . Junior class Secretary-Treasurer; Music 1,2; Pointer mascot 1,3.



Joe-Ray Jones . . . Honor Society 1,2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3, President 3; FCA 1,2,3; Quill and Scroll 2,3; Pointer Trail, Sports Editor 2; The Pointer, Photographer 3; Basketball lettermen 1,2,3; All District 2,3, All SWTR Area Team 2,3; Golf lettermen 1,2,3; District Medalist 2; State runner-up medalist 2.
Karen Keaney . . . DECA 2,3; Partners in Prayer 2; Mixed Chorus 1,2.
Regina Keith . . . Class Vice-President 1; Class President 2; FCA 1,2; Partners in Christ 1; Pep Squad 1; Pointer Trail News Editor 2; Pointer Staff 3; Basketball Manager 1,2; Honor Society 1,2,3; Quill and Scroll 2,3, Mu Alpha Theta 2,3.



Ronnie Key . . . Art Club 1,2,3; FCA 1; Tennis 1,2,3; Volleyball; Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Choral Music 1,2,3; Barbershop Singers.
Joe Kibler
Richard Kimberley . . . Band 1,2,3; All-Region 1,2,3.



Tammy King . . . R. O. T. C. 1; FHA 2; Librarian 2; Music 2,3; Music Librarian 2,3.
David Knight . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3.
Lance Kordis . . . Chess Club 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3; All-Region 1,2,3; Squad Leader 3; Aid 3; Assistant Squad Leader 3.

Class of '78 show talents in skill of learning

Debbie LaRue

Les Leonard . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3. Librarian 3.
Sarah Lightfoot . . . FHA 1.



Wade Lollis . . . Class Vice-President 2; Student Council 3; DECA 3; Pointer Trail layout and art editor 2; Tennis 2; Multimedia photographer 3.

Cindy Lovelady . . . Class Vice-President 3; Student Council Chaplain 1; FCA 1; Pep Squad 1; Cheerleader 1; Honor Society 2; Secretary 3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3; Mixed Chorus 2; Tennis 2; Basketball 1,2,3; all-region 2; Track 1,2,3; Basketball Homecoming Maid 1; Miss Junior Class nominee; Miss VBHS.

Leann Loyd . . . Partners in Christ 2,3; Partners in Prayer 2; Honor Society 2,3; Teacher's aid 3.



Ben Lutz

Andy Lyons . . . Library Club 2, Vice-President 3; R. O. T. C. 1; Track 1,2,3; Student Council 3.

Dale Mann . . . Football 1,2,3.



Seniors Lance Yerby and Roland Hawkins find the new parking lot adequate.



Carrie Marion . . . R. O. T. C. 2,3; Choral Music 1,2,3; Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Partners in Prayer 2.
Connie Marion . . . R. O. T. C. 1; Creative Writing 1,2; Library Club 2; Teacher's Aide 3; Sophomore Girl's Chorus 1,3; Junior-Senior Girl's Chorus 2.
Donna Marion . . . Rodeo Club 1, Treasurer 2, Secretary 3; FHA 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Rodeo Award 1.



Roy Marshall . . . Band 1,2,3; Choral Music 1; Track 1,2.
Randy McClaren . . . Pointer Trail Reporter 1; Football 1,2; Track 1,2,3.
Elizabeth McFadden . . . Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Partners in Prayer 3; FHA Songleader 1, Reporter 2, Vice President 3; Sweetheart Court 2; All-Region Band 1,2,3; Assistant Squad Leader 2; Squad Leader 3; Band Queen Court 3; Uniform Crew 3; Band Council 3.



Fred McFeeters
Donna Melton . . . Partners in Christ 1; FHA 1; Mixed Chorus 1.
Ray Meyers

Future activities challenge lives of 201 seniors



Kelley Miller . . . Honor Society 3; Band 1,2,3; All-Region 1,2,3; Band Council 3; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Squad Leader 3.
Marsha Montgomery . . . French Club 1; Partners in Christ 2,3; Mixed Chorus 2; Junior-Senior Glee Club 3.
Deborah Mooney . . . FHA 1; Partners in Christ 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 2; DECA 3.



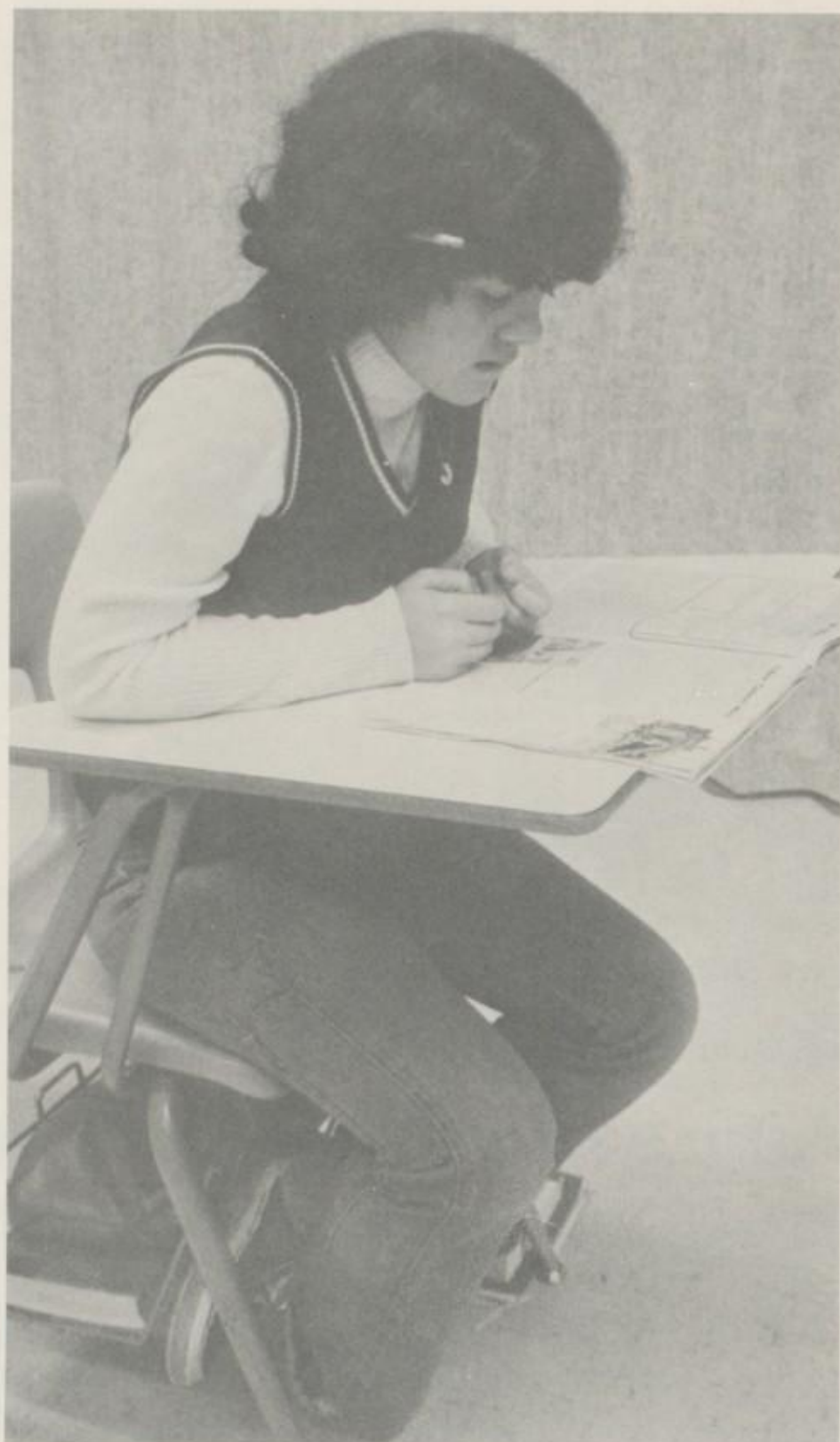
Anita Moore
Danny Moore
Nga Nguyen . . . Honor Society.



Diane Niss . . . Partners in Christ 1,2; FTA 1; Student Council Secretary 2; Basketball 1,2; Letterman 1,2.
Becky Noel . . . Treblettes 3; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Junior-Senior Girl's Chorus 3; All-Region 3.
Donald Oliver . . . Football 1,2,3.



Senior basketball players Mark Elkins, Mark Douglas and Jimmy Kelley play tough against the Northside Grizzlies in their opening game.



Jan Hawkins, senior, finds the new study hall quiet enough to read her Newsweek for world affairs class.

Jennifer Organ . . . Student Council 1; Vice-President 2; Secretary 3; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Military Ball Court 1,2, Queen 3; Junior Beauty; Cheerleader 1,2, Head 3; NASC delegate 1,2,3.
Shelley Orsburn . . . Partners in Christ 2,3; Girl's Glee Club 1,2,3; Teardrops 2; Treblettes 3.
Karen Owens

Danny Parcell . . . R. O. T. C. 2,3.
Brenda Parker . . . R. O. T. C. 1; Volleyball 3.
Carolyn Parks . . . FHA 1,2; FCA 1; Partners in Christ 1; Band 1,2,3; Band Queen Court 3; Basketball 1.



Seniors gain academic success by involvement



Roger Patterson

Steve Pike . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Color Guard 1; Rifle Team 1,2.

Jerry Poague . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3; Honor Society 2,3; Football 2,3; Letter 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Boy's State 2; R. O. T. C. Scholastic Excellence Award; Head Usher at Baccalaureate and Graduation 2.



Ted Phipps . . . Westark 2,3.

Liz Quoss . . . Senior Class Secretary 3; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3, R. O. T. C. White Label Drill Team 3; Cheerleader 1,2; Pep Squad 1; Sophomore Class Beauty; Military Ball Court 1; Queen 2; Football Homecoming Maid of Honor 3.

Michael Ray . . . Art Club 1; DECA 1,2; FCA 1.



Yvonne Reese . . . Miss Junior class runner-up.

Terrance Richardson . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3; Lettermen 1,2,3.

Larry Ricketts . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3.



Joe Ray Jones, one of the highest ranking seniors, completes an A. C. T. Test form which is required for college entrance.



Seniors help cheer the Pointers on to victory. The seniors won the spirit stick many times this year, coming out on top in proving spirit.



Senior Diane Niss learns what's happening in school events by reading the bulletin board by the office.

Jeanie Rimmer . . . Honor Society 3; Band 3; Band Queen Court 3.
Linda Robinson . . . Student Council 1; Treasurer 2; Executive 3; Honor Society 1,2,3; Vice President 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Volleyball 2,3; Tennis 2,3; Junior Beauty nominee; Miss VBHS nominee 3; Basketball Homecoming Maid 2; FCA 2; Girl's State 2.
Gina Rogers . . . Music 1,2,3; Partners in Christ 2, Secretary 3.

Karla Rogers . . . Art Club 1; FHA 1; Vice President 2, President 3; Honor Society 3; Girl's Glee Club 1; Junior-Senior Girl's Glee Club 2.
Wade Rogers . . . Rodeo Club 1,2,3; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Track Manager 3.
Tim Rowland . . . Football 1,2,3; Lettermen 1,2,3; Honorable Mention 2; Track 1,2; Mr. Junior Class runner-up.



Memories live in 201 seniors' minds forever



Reyes Ruiz
Randy Sallee . . . DECA 2,3; Sergeant at Arms.
Tammie Sallee . . . Volleyball, Tennis 2,3.



Carol Schuster
Andy Scott . . . Football 1,2; Boy's State 2.
David Scott . . . FCA 1,2,3; Art Club 2,3; Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2; Track 1.



Steve Sexton . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Company Commander 3; Rifle Team.
Kay Smotherman . . . Rodeo Club 2,3; FHA 1; FTA 3; Pointer Trail Reporter 1; Assistant News Editor 2; Pointer Senior Section Editor 3; Mirrors of our Minds Business Manager 2; Pointer Beauty Calendar Staff 3; AHSPA excellent award for interview 1; Quill and Scroll 3.
Ricky Spoon . . . Basketball 3.



Gayla Staggs . . . DECA 2,3; Aid 2,3; Music 1.
Melinda Stephens . . . Student Council 1,2,3; Honor Society 2,3; DECA 3; FCA 1,2,3; Teacher's Aid 2; Basketball Manager 1,2,3; Lettered 1,2,3; Who's Who in American High Schools.
John Steward . . . FCA 1; Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3.



Sondra Steudeman . . . FHA 1,3.
Sandy Storment
Tommy Strickland . . . Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; R. O. T. C. 1,2, Corps Commander 3; Student Council 2; Vice-President 3; FCA 2; Mr. Junior Class; Mr. VBHS nominee 3; Partners in Christ 1,2.



Debbie Swopes . . . FTA 3; Honor Society 2,3; Teacher's Aid 3; Band 1,2,3; All-Region 1,2,3; Drill Captain 3; Uniform assistant 2; Manager 3; Band Queen Court 3.
Steven Tankersly . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; Track 1, Football 1,2.
Julie Thomas . . . Cheerleader 1,2; Honor Society 2,3; Quill and Scroll 2,3; Basketball Manager 3; Pointer Trail Copy Editor 2; Sophomore Basketball Homecoming Maid.

State championship won by 16 senior gridsman

Tanya Tindle

Sandy Titsworth . . . Band 1; FHA 1; DECA 2,3.

Theresa Titsworth . . . Honor Society 1,2,3; Quill and Scroll 2; FCA 1,2; Pointer Trail 2; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Cheerleader 1; Football Homecoming Maid 1,3.

Kathy Trout . . . Rodeo Club 1, Secretary 2, President 3; R. O. T. C. 2; DECA 3; Pointer Prancers 3.

Sherry Underwood . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2; Teacher's Aide 3; Art 2; Office Worker 1,2,3; Beauty nominee 2; Military Ball Court 2; Basketball manager 1,2; Pointer Trail 1, Business Manager 2.

Donna Waldorf

Teresa Wallace . . . Rodeo Club 1; R. O. T. C. 1,2,3.

Andy Walters . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2; DECA 1,2,3; Partners in Christ 1,2.

Tina Watkins . . . Quill and Scroll 2,3; Pointer Trail Reporter 1, Lab Worker 2; Pointer Junior High Editor 3.



Taking time out, Senior Shelley Orsburn shops for a new wardrobe.



Senior Steve Pike fills up his tank to go cruising on a Saturday night.



Ecstatic Pointer fans hold up their hands to give the No. 1 sign as the Pointers become AAA state champions in football.



Janice White . . . Partners in Christ 2, Reporter-Historian 3; Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3, Secretary 3; Partners in Prayer 2; Band 1,2; All-Region 1,2; R. O. T. C. 1; Teacher's Aide 3.

Linda Wilburn . . . Choral Music 1,2,3; R. O. T. C. 1,2, Drill Team 3; Partners in Christ 1,2,3.

Jim Wilson . . . Art Club 1,3; FCA 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3.



Rose Wilson

Lance Yerby . . . R. O. T. C. 1,2,3; orientering 3; Major S3 3; Honor Society 2,3; Football 1,2,3; All-District 2,3, All-State 3; Track 1,2,3, Lettered 1,2,3; Basketball 1.

Tammy Young . . . Junior-Senior Glee Club 1,2,3.

Juniors push for accomplishments

Pushing together for results, the juniors made this year one to remember. Enthusiasm has been the key to success for the "shining" class of '79. Juniors participated in each activity with high determination. It seems that the feeling of accomplishment sets this class on fire.

Juniors took honors in many areas, but winning the respect of fellow students seemed to top it all off. In doing some heavy planning, for perhaps the flashiest prom ever, the class of '79 did just that.

Class rings were another highlight of the year. Each junior placed his order early in the school year and waited together in anticipation for them to finally arrive months later.

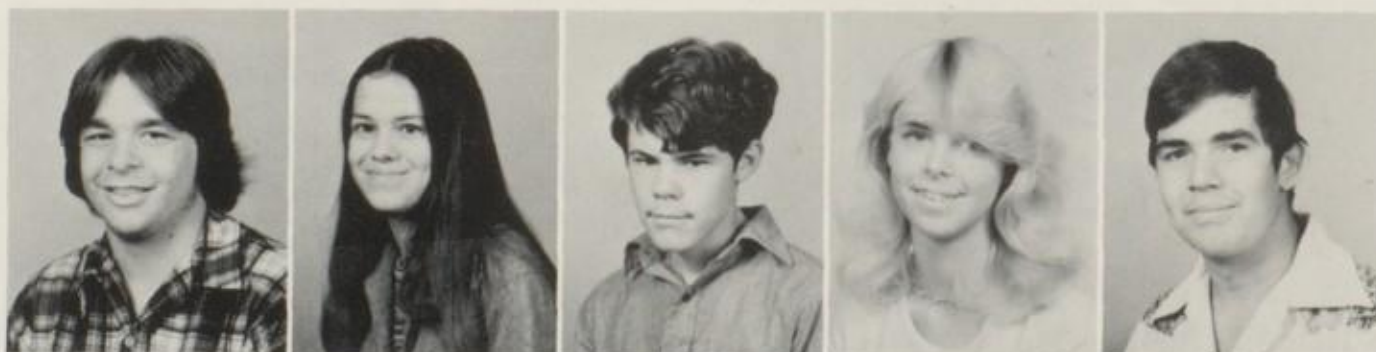
Proving to be the backbone of the class, the officers in '77-'78 were Debbie Khilling, president; Lucy Kelly, vice president; Carree Pendleton, secretary; and Teresa Waldo, treasurer.

Climbing from sophomores to middlemen, the class of '79 feel ready to take on the responsibilities of being seniors. The memories left behind, as they take the final steps toward the senior spotlight will be a reminder of all the efforts put into their growing together as more than just another class.



Junior class officers for 1977-78 are Debbie Khilling, president; Lucy Kelley, vice president; Carree Pendleton, secretary; and Teresa Waldo, treasurer.

Donald Actkinson
Jenis Akins
Larry Aldridge
Becky Allen
Stanley Ames



Sonja Anderson
Tim Andrews
Joy Arnold
Chris Ballard
Ronnie Barclay



Jeff Belcher
Kenny Bennett
Kerri Bennett
Randy Bible
Donita Blount





Pepper Bourlon
Mike Brasuell
Jo Ann Breeden
Joe Breeden
Vivian Breeden



Danny Brewer
Linda Brewer
Teri Brewer
Bruce Brown
Ricky Brown



Tracy Bryant
Vicki Burkart
Dave Cambell
Stanley Clark
Martha Clegg



Eddie Cluck
Sandra Clyma
Randy Cockrum
Mitzi Cole
Barry Coles



Robert Collins
Debbie Cooksey
Keith Cox
Kevin Crosson
Julie Cumpton



Cindy Dart
Kathy Dart
Karla Davis
Lisa Davis
Inez Deal



Randy Deaton
Donnie Dehart
Jim Dehart
Ronnie Dehart
Chris Dodson



Juniors take time to enjoy a good snowball fight.

Juniors

Cindy Drewry
Craig Driggers
Shane Dunavant
Perry Duncan
Steve Dunn



Teresa Dye
Laura Eddy
Bob Edwards
James Eliff
Bobby Emmert



Chris Evans
Jo Evans
Coleman Farrar
Kim Faubus
Mike Faucher



Shawn Fincher
Ronald Flanagan
Steve Fow
Lucy Fowler
Clay Franklin



Juniors promote much school spirit



Jimmy Franklin
James French
Karen Fritts
David Gallagher
Roger Garrett

Paul Gibson
Anita Gilcrease
Don Glover
Steve Gordon
Mark Gramlich

Scott Graves
Ronald Green
Pam Gregory
Melissa Griffin
Debbie Hager

Juniors express their pride after the announcement of the Pointers being named state champions.



Juniors

Joyce Hailes
Jimmy Hailes
Edward Haggard
Dixie Hambrick
Chuck Hamilton



Renee Hamm
Betty Harmon
Ron Hasier
Carl Hawkins
Karen Hemphill



Mark Hladkey
Terri Hobbs
Craig Hobson
John Holland
Melissa Holton



Dale Hooten
Delores Hopkins
John Hopkins
Joyce Hopkins
Kristen Howell



Cliff Hubbs
Coleen Hyatt
Jim Israel
Renia Jacobes
Harold Johnson



Danny Johnson
Jolie Johnson
Jerry Jones
Mike Jones
Greg Keith



Ricky Keith
Karia Kelly
Lucy Kelly
Robert Kelly
Melissa Kelton



Juniors express individual opinion

Junior Eddie Smith, a chemistry student, discusses holding down a job while in high school.

"Working after school has put a strain on my school work, because my study time has been limited. Money is my main reason for working, as for most high school students. Although this is true, my job has taught me the importance of a good or at least decent education. I've found that when you work for spending money, you won't find very much time to spend it in. When it comes down to working or an education, remember that you'll have 50 or 60 years to work and just a few to get a needed education. Usually, a good-paying job depends on the type of education a person has gotten. An early start is important and will pay off in the long run. Planning ahead for something you're interested in may lead to a career in that field."



Job, studies run strain



Tony Kendig
Bill Kennedy
Dwayne Key
Pam Key
Robin Key

Debbie Khilling
Linda King
Lesa Kordis
Daniel Lamproe
Mark Landthrip

Lisa Lehnem
Judy Lloyd
David Lopez
Cindy Lowder
Carrie Loyd

Jeff Lunsford
Jan Lutz
Leona Manuel
Jeff Marsh
Tammy Martindale

Juniors

David Matchett
David Maxey
James McBride
Doyle McCollom
Mike McDonald



Candy McGovern
Brad McKown
Brenda Medlock
Kelly Merechka
Bobby Miller



Eddie Miller
Jill Minor
Leslie Montgomery
Gary Montgomery
Keith Montgomery



Clara Moore
Susan Moore
Damon Morland
David Moore
Rose Muller



In the fall induction for the Honor Society, five juniors and two seniors were initiated. They were Jerry Le, Martha Clegg, Ricky Brown, Sarah Hays, Mark Schmidt, Gray Smithson, and Kelly Miller.

Class of '79 builds memorable year



Junior Teresa Waldo addresses the class in the officer elections.



Junior Steve Vogel prepares to speak at "Seasons Vibrations."



Kelley Nash
Mike Neal
Sandra Newton
Tammy Newton
Sandra Norrid

Timmy O'Kelley
Susan Oliver
Leisha Owens
Chuck Pachi
Jeff Padgett

Norman Painter
Delmar Parks
Jeanna Parrish
Bruce Parvin
Carree Pendleton

Juniors

Brian Perrier
Johnny Perry
Tommy Peters
Theresa Picco
Sandra Pigg



Steve Pitchford
Rodney Pless
Robby Plymale
Johnny Ragsdale
Jennifer Ray



Mike Richmond
Lisa Robinson
Edward Rogers
David Rogoff
Douglas Ross



Deborah Rowe
Victor Sallee
Mark Schmidt
Jimmy Schuster
Becky Scott



**Steady
may be
forever**



Junior Donna Whitmire, a choral music student, expresses her ideas of a steady relationship.

"To me, going steady is a type of commitment. I personally feel that going steady can be good and bad. Most of the time you are the deciding factor. I think that maturity plays a big part in it. Going steady can always be fun. A person can make a lifetime friend. A person can even fall deep enough in love to make future plans. I'm sure that students consider it too serious a step. However, it could be that some people just haven't been lucky enough to find 'Mr. or Miss Right' just yet. Whatever the case may be, I respect anyone's honest beliefs."

Juniors take little time to relax



Lucy Kelly and Leslie Watts represented the junior class in the football homecoming court.



Junior John Holland spent much of his spare time working in the darkroom for the Pointer and Pointer Trail.



Randy Scott
Connie Session
Kenneth Shakelford
Teresa Simmons
Eddie Smith

Kenny Smith
Melinda Smith
Gray Smithson
James Earl Steward
Cindy Strebel

Darrell Stevens
Kevin Stout
Ricky Swaim
Rhonda Surratt
Mark Terry

Patti Thomas
Al Phonso Trent
Mike Trentham
Loyd Trotter
Steve Vogel

Junior class plans 'flashy' prom

Curtis Wagon
Teresa Waldo
Janet Wallace
Carol Walters
Clint Ward



Jerry Ware
Nancy Watkins
Terri Watkins
John Watts
Leslie Watts

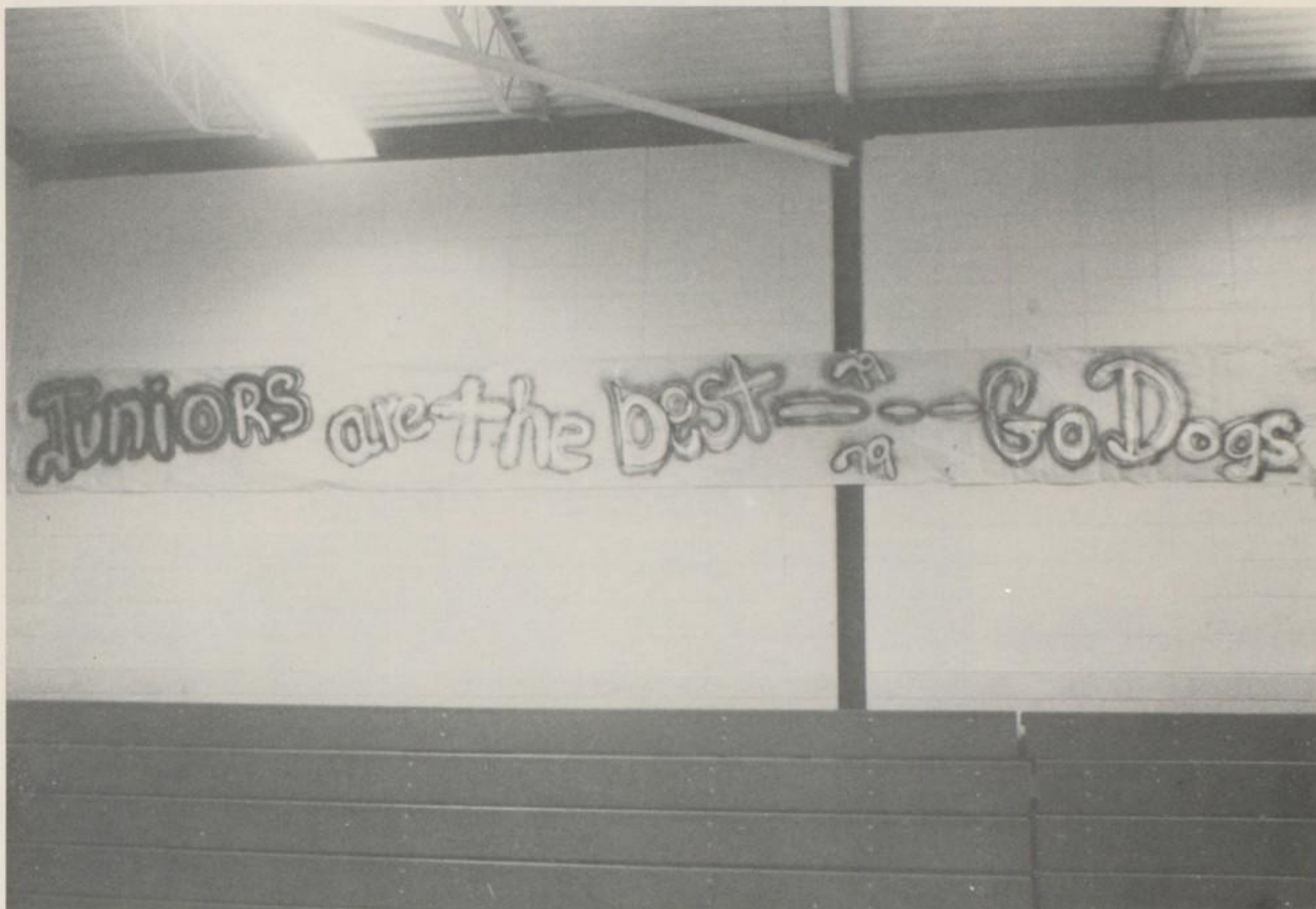


Donnie Weaver
Ron Weisenfelt
Lolis White
Donna Whitmire
Bill Wideman

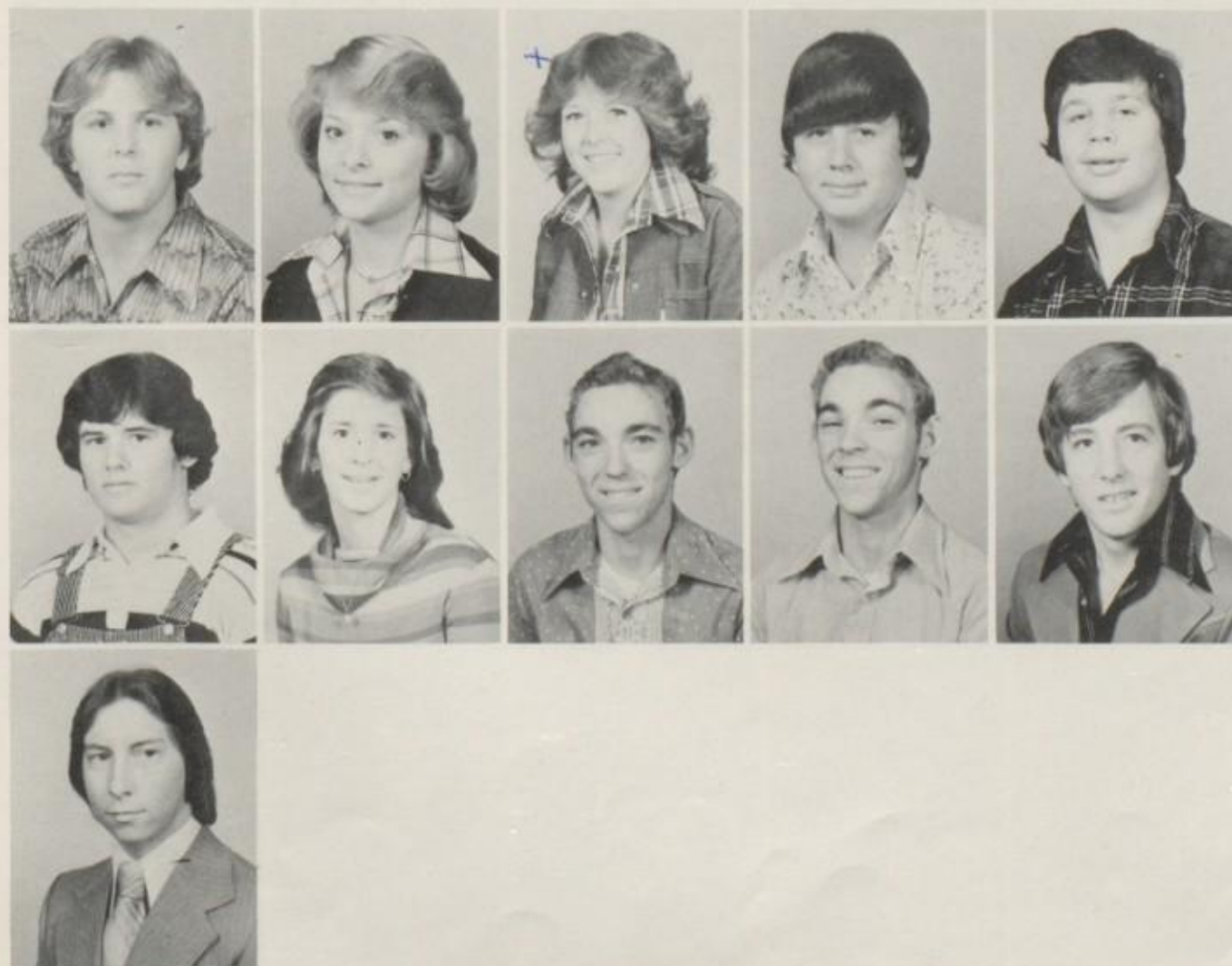


Junior class sign-making parties brought out a lot of spirit. Becky Scott, Robin Key, and Coleman Farrar got into the act of creating something 'eye-catching'.





Working hard from their class float to the prom, the content of this spirit sign says it all.



Juniors

Alan Williams
Lisa Williams
Gerald Wilmot
Libby Wilson
James Wofford

Allen Wolfe
Sue Woods
Gary Workman
Larry Workman
Mike Yancy

David Young

The change from junior high to senior high is quite big. Along with that change is the growth of the 1980 senior class.

Sponsored and led by their sponsors, Mrs. Linda May, Mrs. Emma Posey, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mr. Ron Brammer, and Mr. Bill Colvard, the sophomores have achieved many goals.

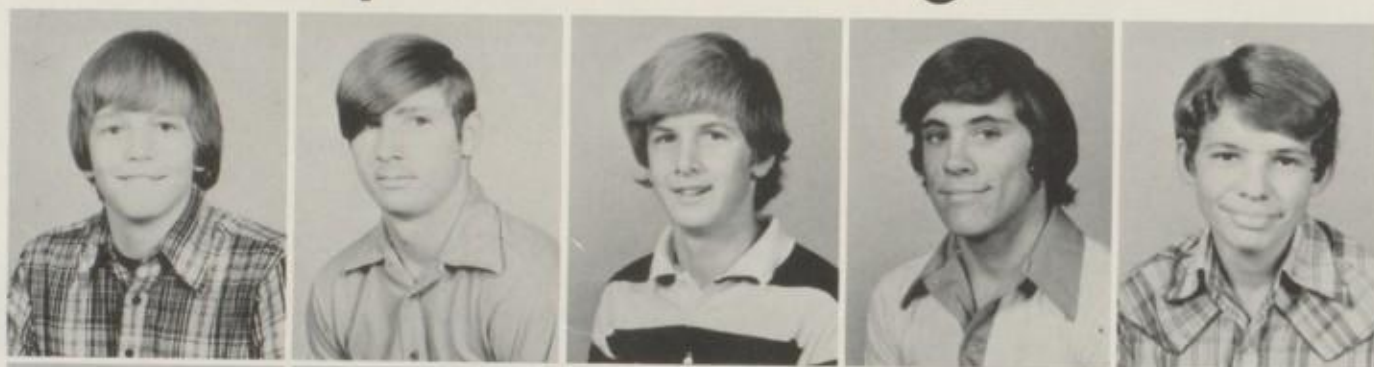
By 1980, their senior year, the class will have achieved many more goals.



Sophomore class officers for 1977-78 are Angie Mann, Reporter; Darlene Spencer, Sec.-Treasurer; Jenny Faught, President; Kim Hamlin, Vice President.

Sophomore class grows

Bob Adams
Richard Adams
Mark Alexander
Anthony Allen
Fred Allen



Nathan Allen
Mike Altes
Charles Armstrong
Lee Arnold
Terry Arnold



Cathy Baldridge
Janice Beaver
Carrie Bell
Janet Berna
Sandra Biggs



Sherry Blair
Tim Boen
Patresa Branham
Cary Bray
Denise Breeden



Larry Briley
Tommy Brooks
Debra Brown
Joni Brown
Pat Brown



Sophomores



Bobbie Bryant
Cheryl Bufkin
Carolyn Bules
Teresa Bullington
Margret Burgan



Angela Burgess
Jerry Burkhart
Judy Cameron
Theresa Canady
Cindy Cann



Matthew Cater
Bob Carter
Donna Center
Belinda Chronister
Joe Clotfelter



Paul Cluck
Marcia Colten
Gary Cook
Kathy Cope
Steve Coppinger



Cheryl Corbell
Brenda Corbett
Patrick Cowden
Sandra Cox
Joanne Craig



Byrl Criswell
Debbie Cudd
Richard Darden
Bobby Darter
William Deal



Donna Dewitt
Terri Dewitt
Sheila Dodd
Paul Dodson
James Domerese

Sophomores

Dawnette Doss
Roger Dougan
David Driggers
James Duncan
Deanna Dyer



Jon Ellis
Joyce Essman
Angela Faldon
Kelly Faulkenberry
Jeni Faught



Earl Fears
Robert Fields
Katrina Figley
Kathy Finney
Dayna Fisher



Dewayne Flippin
Cristy Foley
Margie Forehand
Raymond Foster
Julie French



Denise Franklin
Donna Furr
Barbara Gallagher
Linda Gatlin
Melissa Gibson



Tekie Gilbert
Kay Gilcrease
Erell Goines
Carol Grace
Randy Graham



Tony Grandon
Terri Grayson
Becky Green
Andy Greenwood
Sotanya Gregory



Sophomores show peacefulness

Sophomores



Sophomore Sotanya Gregory shows her sense of peacefulness as she browses through an import shop.



Wayne Griffin
Brad Hall



Dana Hall
Jackie Hall



Diann Hamilton
Kym Hamlin



Walker Harmon
Stacy Harris
Carolyn Hatwig
Sam Hayden
Barbara Healy



Sheryl Heaston
Roger Heathcock
Dena Hembera
Randall Hicks
Bill Hill



Ronnie Hodges
Jeff Holder
John Holleman
Karen Hopkins
Jim Housley



Craig Hubbs
Cathy Hudson
Jane Huff
Eugene Huggins
Terry Huggins

Sophomores

David Hunter
Donny Hunter
Ronnie Isam
Karen Jones
Leanna Jones



Loren Jones
Patty Jones
Wayne Jones
Mary Johnston
James Kath



Carolyn Kenney
Eddie Keech
Mark Kelly
Teresa Kelly
Kelly Kennedy



Johnny Key
John Killian
Eddie King
Mark Klomfas
Michell Knoles



Ronald Kye
Vickie Lambert
Karl Lee
Mark Lehnert
Steve Leonard



Troy Leonard
Inga Lewis
Kelly Loftin
Tracy Lollis
Sherry Long



Linda Lopez
Billy Lovett
Bill Loyd
Marla Loyd
Raymond Loyd



Prancers perform with style, grace



The brand new Pointer Prancers, consisting mostly of sophomores, perform during "Season's Vibrations."



Cindy Lyons
Pat Mahar
Angie Mann
Kenny Marley
Ralene Maxwell



Robby McBrayer
Leann McCabe
Nette McClain
Tonya McClarty
Jamie McConnel



Brenda McCormick
B. J. McCoy
Shannon McCoy
Ricky McDonald
Allan McFadden



Lisa McGuire
Shirley McKensie
Robin Meyers
Steve Mitchell
Tim Montgomery

Sophomores

David Moore
Ronnie Moore
Mike Mullens
Tim Neidecker
Cecilia Nicklas



Sabrina O'Kelly
Tim Organ
Teresa Overby
Ellie Parrish
Brett Parvin



LaRanda Parvin
Cindy Patton
Carol Paxton
Jay Peer
Brad Perrier



Tracy Phillips
Melody Phipps
Pam Pilgram
Carla Poole
Mike Poole



Brenda Powell
Jeannie Powell



Linda Powell
Paula Quoss



Robert Ragsdale
Diane Rankin



Sophomores show leadership



Jenny Faught campaigns for sophomore class president as she gives a speech.



Stuart Rapier
Carolyn Reed
Teresa Redfern
Dayna Richmond
Randall Richmond



Cheryl Roden
Debbie Rogers
Ron Rogers
Ruby Rogers
Anne Rogoff



Roger Ross
Jenny Rouw
Donna Rowe
Mike Rowland
Jeff Samuels



Mary Sanderson
Marty Schmidt
Tony Seabolt
Tina Seal
Karen Shelly



Terry Shultz
Teresa Simmons
Kelly Simpson
David Smith
Kim Smith



Lee Smithson
Mike Snow
Pam Sparks
Tracy Spears
Vernon Spence



Darlene Spencer
Mark Staggs
Teresa Stephenson
Roger Stratton
Clayton Swadley

Jeff Swearingen
Lonna Sweeten



Janet Swindell
Steve Syrock



Gary Tate
Diane Taylor



Denise Terry
Pam Tiffin
John Thomas
David Thompson
Greg Trosper



John Tucker
Lyle Tullock
Royce Tyler
Dale Velmire
Tuyet Nhu Vo



William Walker
Teddy Walker
Gary Walters
Kenny Walters
Sandra Wagon



Tammy Watkins
Suzanne Watts
Sabrina Wellnitz
Ricky Wells
Carol Wescott

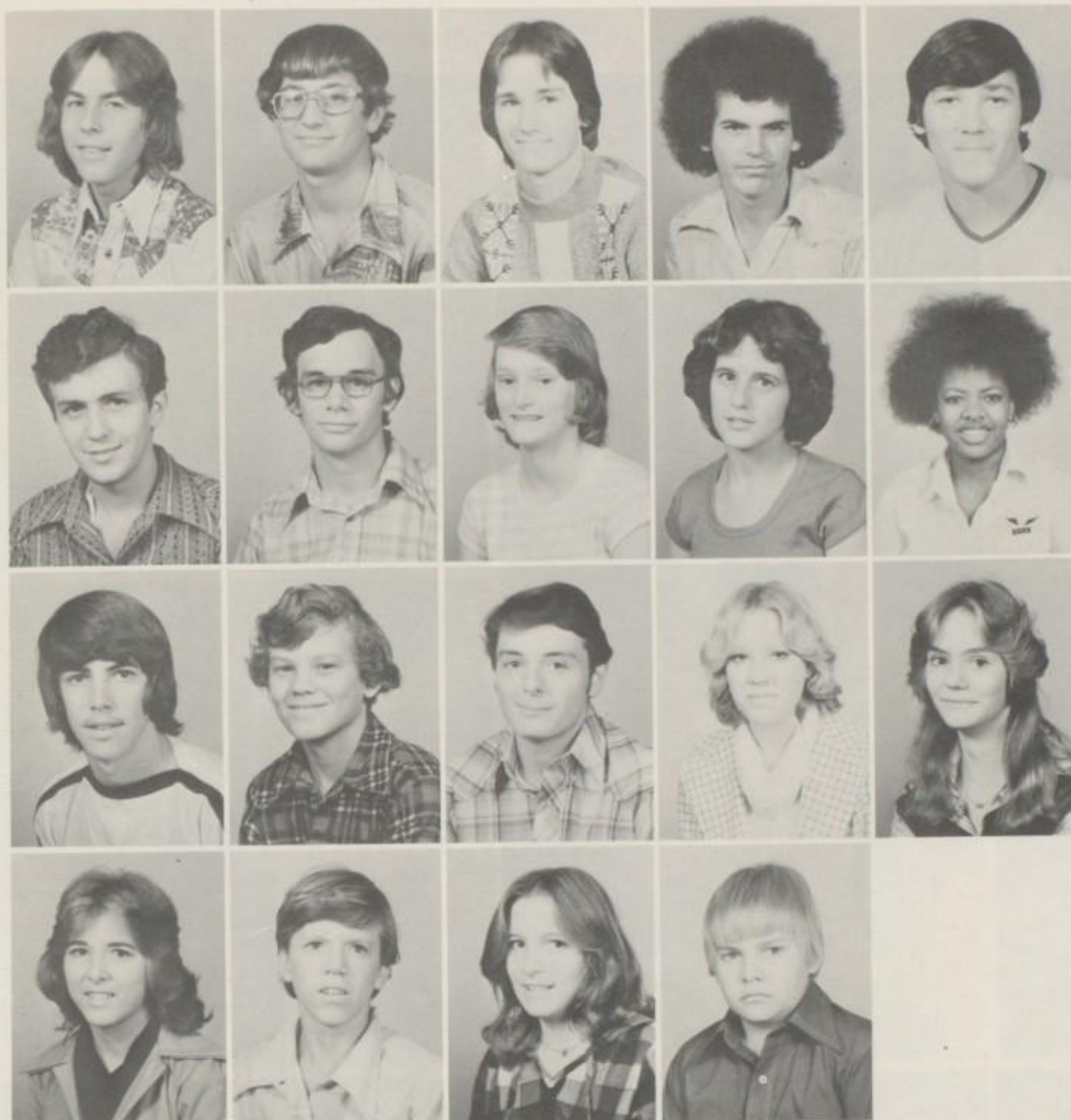


Sophomores lead busy life



Jenny Rouw, Sotanya Gregory, and Karen Hopkins wait for Robin Meyers to finish her phone conversation during a break.





Marc West
Wesley White
David Whited
Frank Wilburn
Kenneth Williams

Micheal Williams
Scott Williams
Holly Wilson
Talisa Wilson
Lisa Willis

Keenan Winters
Randy Wise
Greg Word
Dawn Wright
Kerri Wright

Cheryl Yancey
James Yarrington
Lisa Yerby
David Young



Karl Lee and Linda Lopez observe as Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Roman discuss the traditions of Puerto Rico during the Spanish I classes.



Not every high school has the privilege to have Vietnamese students enrolled, as is Teyut Nhu Vo, who is learning American ways in Van Buren.



Pride in

ENERGY



Students trip through many activities

As the doors of junior high open to start a new, exciting year, kids are running around in the locker bay, talking to friends that they haven't seen all summer, looking for their lockers, and being pushed around. The older kids are talking about the crazy jokes they're going to play on the new seventh graders. Then a startling sound of a bell goes off, and the big squeeze through the door starts. The new students are looking everywhere for their classes, and when they find them, they begin wondering if the teacher is nice or not. They usually find that teachers will treat the students as they themselves are treated.

As the days go by, the newer kids start catching on to the things that go on at Van Buren Junior High. They learn that they get swats with a strap instead of a board. They learn not to talk in the library or to cut in the lunch line. If they do, they get the privilege of waiting until everyone else goes through the line.

The Pups' being district champs made this year better than most others. The Pups didn't lose even one game in 1977-78.

They were funny experiences, not just exciting ones. One of the funny experiences was when someone put their tennis shoes on the heater in the girls' gym dressing room, causing the gym to fill with smoke.

A bomb threat caused another funny experience. Students had to stand outside in the cold without the benefits of a coat for what seemed an hour.

When students leave junior high, they will remember all the fun and exciting times, but they will also remember the teachers, friends, and, of course, the principal, Mr. Yerby, who made VBJHS the best school of all in the minds of many.

Karen Mitchell



Stopping for a little girl talk between classes are Lisa McDowell, Lisa Lowder, and Gail Hatfield.



Denise Alexander and her lockermate rearrange and clean-up their locker during lunch.



Olivette Russell has center stage in a conversation with her friends before entering the auditorium.



Drifting through the halls is a lonely business after the tardy bell.



Ricky Rodgers shows artistic creativity with a drawing of an Indian.



Coach Quincy Coleman watches as boys in physical education show tumbling skills.

Basics, activities receive student action.



Roger Green works toward the goal of better skills in math lab.



Cheerleaders entertain fans and support the Pups during a football game at Blakemore Field.



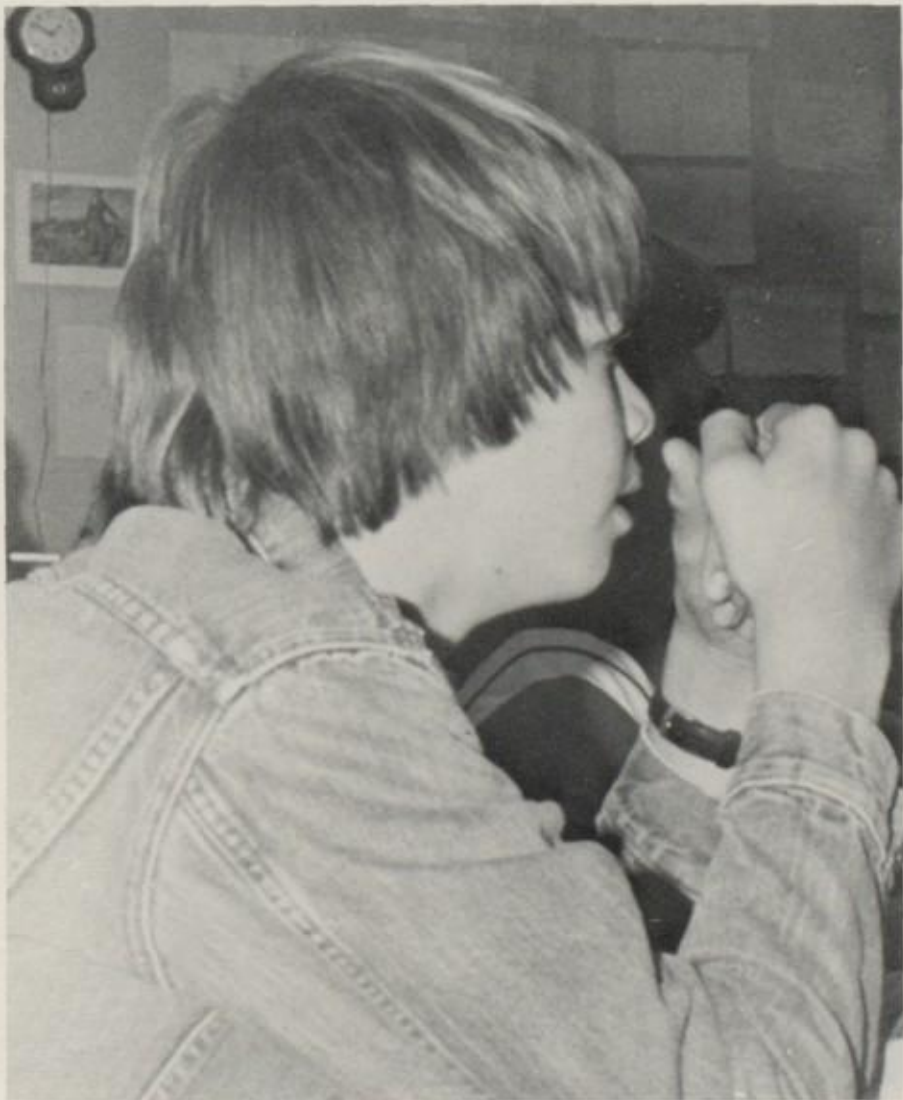
Open house held on Nov. 14 gave parents an inside look at a student's world.



New marble benches provide arm wrestling sport for students during their lunch breaks.



John Pena observes a mobile on early American history from Mrs. Pat Byers' social studies class.



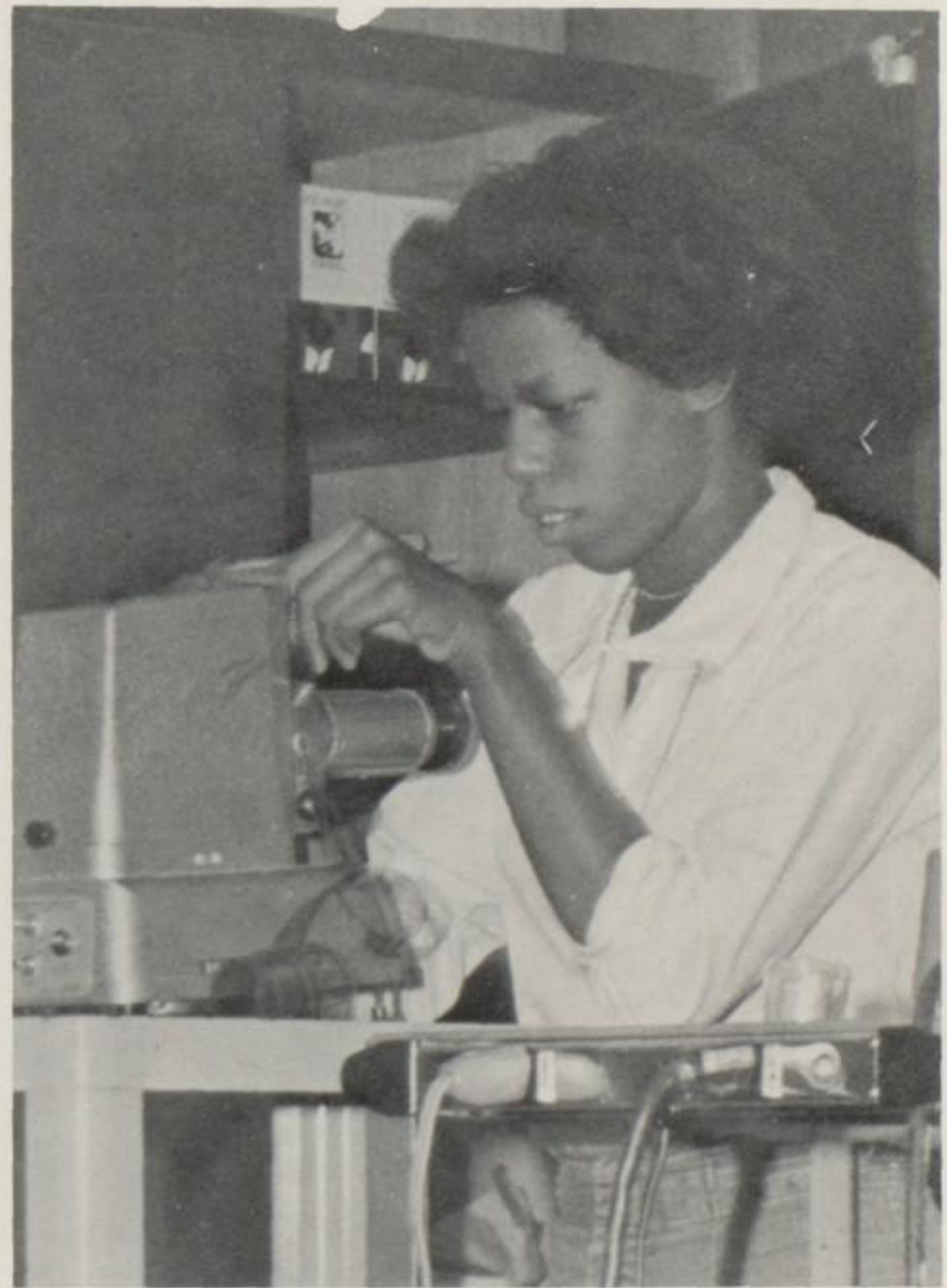
Shannon Winters prepares for the two o'clock bell while still listening to a social studies lecture.

Teachers and administrators are one of the most vital instruments in a student's learning of a certain subject. All of VBJHS's teachers are qualified instructors and in most cases, friends of their students.

Eact teacher has methods and techniques in developing each student's mind in the fullest capacity possible, but basically the most important thing is the student's eagerness and interest in learning what a teacher gives them in a day's lesson.



Sheila Willis brings out a few points in a friendly conversation with Kaye Underwood.



Jenine Banks re-threads a film projector in preparation of viewing it for her benefit.

Teachers help build students' skills.

At Van Buren Junior High School, the faculty is headed by Mr. Rex Yerby, the principal.

He attended the College of the Ozarks to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also attended the University of Arkansas and obtained a Master of Education degree.

He began here at VBJHS in 1957 as a football coach and held that position for two years. The next four years, Mr. Yerby was assistant principal and football coach at Van Buren Senior High.

After this he went to the junior high as the principal and has maintained this position for five years.

Mr. Yerby now heads a staff of over 40 teachers and well over 1,000 students. He is assisted by the dean of students, Mr. Daylon Cawthon.



Mr. Rex Yerby, Principal, goes over the absentee list and days records with office worker Glenda Kye.

Mr. George Banther, B. S. E., M. A., history, Chess club sponsor.



Mrs. Rosemary Blasingame, B. S. E., science, cheerleader sponsor.



Kim Massey works hard in her history class, not unlike the other students surrounding her.



Using the sander to smooth away rough edges in wood workshop, Gary Carter wears protective glasses to prevent getting sawdust in his eyes.



Miss Jane Bowers, B. A., resource room



Mrs. Betty Breeden, B. S., mathematics



Mrs. Anna Buckalew, B. A., social studies



Mr. Dennis Butler, B. A., English



Mrs. Pat Byers, B. S. E., geography, American history



Mrs. Chris Cawthon, B. S. E., history

Modern tools refresh learning abilities

Mr. Daylon Cawthon, B. S. E.,
dean of students



Mr. Bob Davis, B. S., special
education, golf coach



Miss Debra Davis, B. S.,
mathematics



Mr. Gene Dooley, B. A., librarian,
student librarian, organization
sponsor.



Mrs. Beth Duvall, secretary



Miss Jeanice Flake, B. A. M. A.,
English



Polly Smithson and Linda Fritts display arts and crafts along with refreshments at the annual open house.



Improving basic skills during their lab time, James Gilcrease and his friend study with the visual aids provided in the math lab.



Judy Johns and Karen Watts work on daily assignments as Carla Wells finishes.



Mrs. Reba Henley, secretary



Miss Anna Hudson, B. S., science



Miss Jo Lynn Jennings, B. S.,
M. S., science



Mr. Mike King, B. S., social studies,
athletics, football, basketball
coach



Miss Twila King, B. S. E., science



Mrs. Susan Lewis, B. S., mathe-
matics lab



Wood skills produce useful products

Mrs. Catherine Maxey, B. S. E.,
English, Pep Club sponsor



Mr. Wayne May, B. A., English,
drama



Mr. Ronnie Mitchell, B. S. E.,
social studies, head football coach



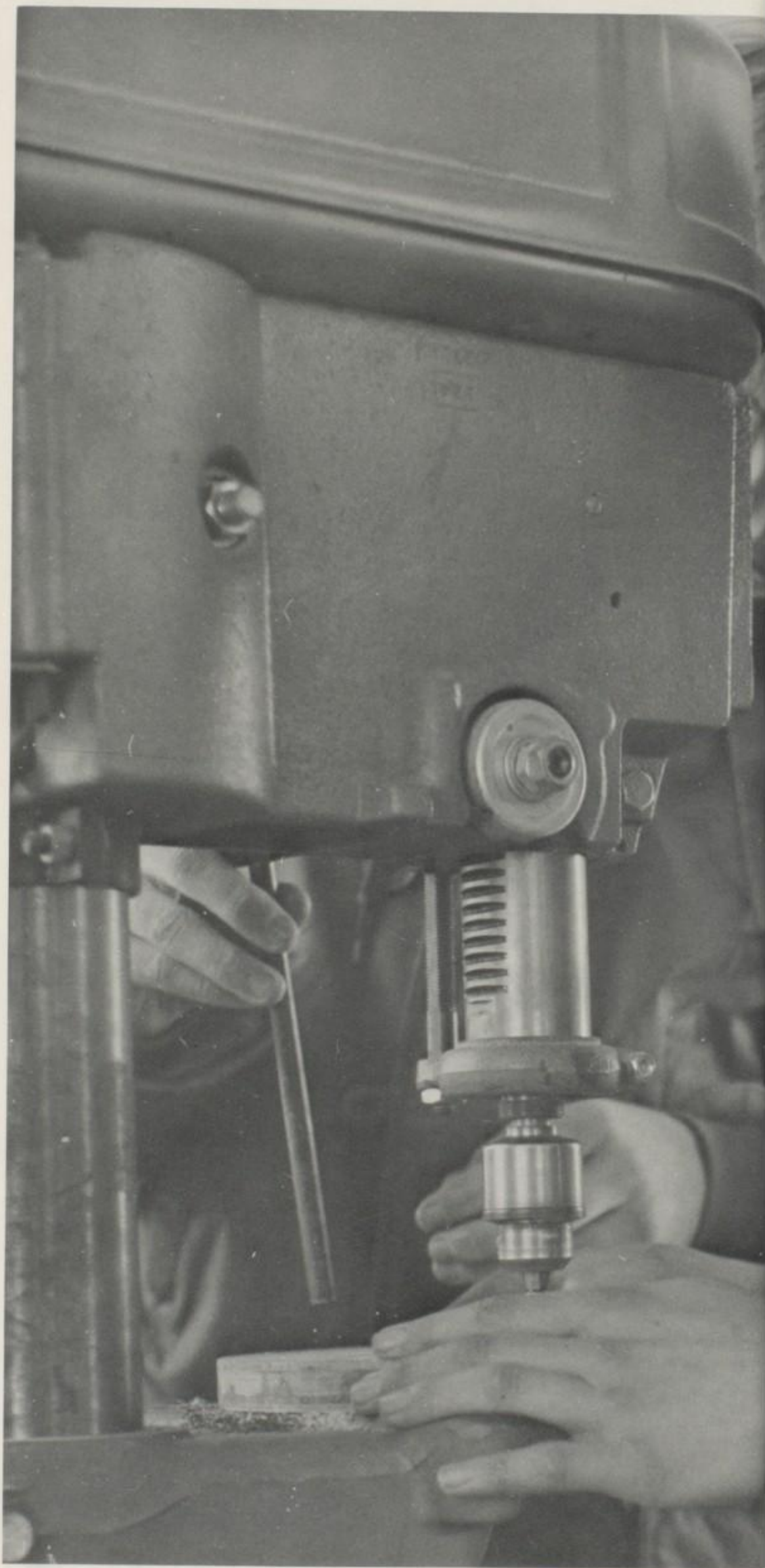
Mrs. Beverly Owens, B. S., home
economics, Future Homemakers
of America sponsor



Mrs. Jean Parrish, B. S., reading



Miss Rebecca Rains, B. A.,
English, Honor Society co-
sponsor



Eric Lyons, ninth grader, works on part of his woodworking project on drill press.



Mrs. Mary Reddick, B. A., science, Student Council sponsor



Mrs. Lynn Schriver, B. A., English



Mrs. Barbara Scroggins, B. A., M. E., Counselor



Mrs. Dohnae Sikes, B. A., English, Honor Society sponsor



Mrs. Susan Speaker, B. A., English, cheerleader co-sponsor



Mrs. Dorothy Staton, B. S. E., music, Music club, and All-School Chorus sponsor

Learning disabilities teacher new to staff

Mr. Paul Staton, B. S., wood work shop



Mr. George Thompson, B. A., M. A., social studies



Mrs. Joy Vinson, B. A., mathematics



Mrs. Joan Wiley, B. S., M. S. E., mathematics, Student Council co-sponsor, math fair sponsor



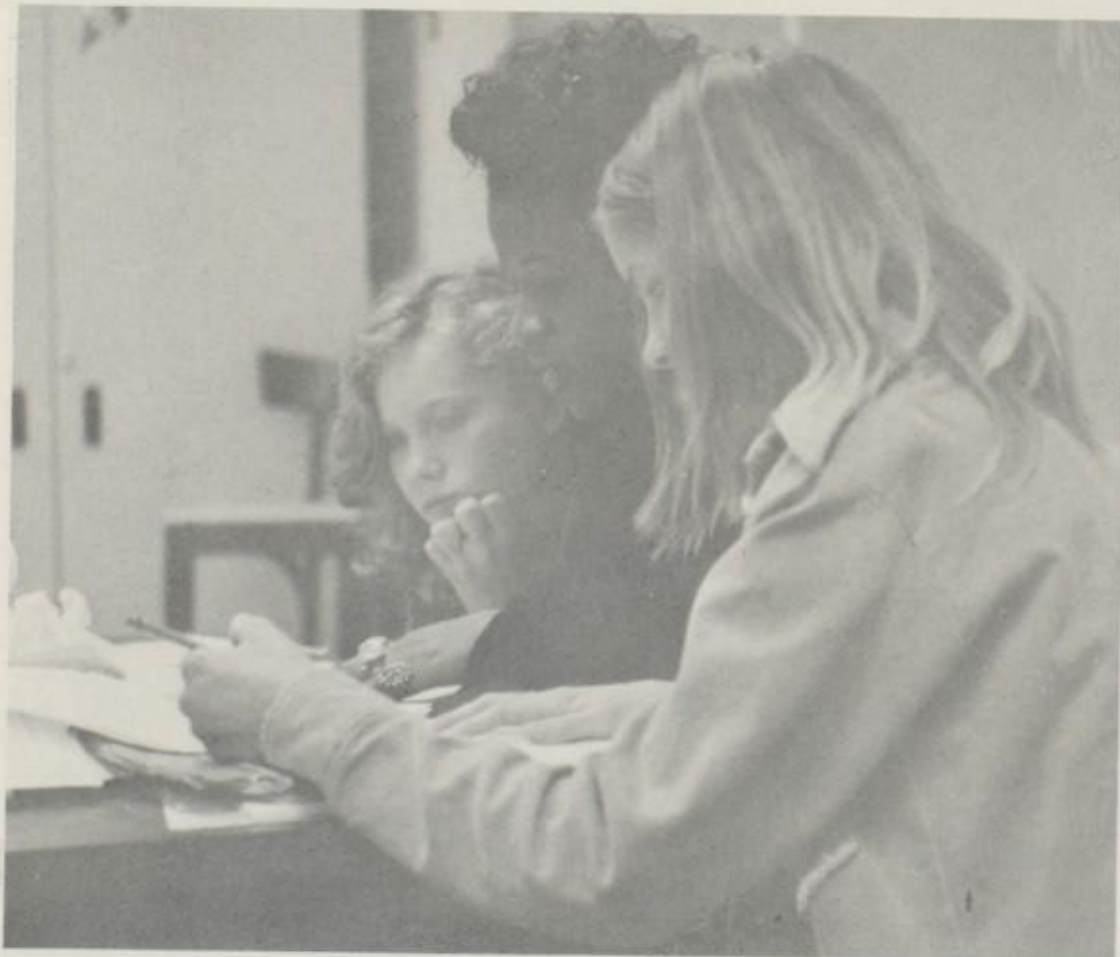
Mr. Wayne Wilson, B. S. E., mathematics



Miss Jan Yarbrough, B. S., social studies



Miss Chris Moore was added to the VBJHS staff after first semester ended. She took a position as a learning disabilities teacher. She thus became the school's first black teacher since integration.



Darrell Williams strains to see that he is doing the work in wood workshop properly.

Courses cause changes

New teachers, teachers leaving at semester, and new courses make up most of the changes seen at VBJHS in 1977-78.

Many new teachers began the year at VBJHS and at the end of first semester Mrs. Tracy Hudson and Mrs. Susan Speaker left the staff to be replaced by Mrs. Charlotte Douglas and Mrs. Judy Baxley. Also Miss Chris Moore was added to the staff as a learning disabilities instructor.

With the addition of more faculty, VBJHS's curriculum is increasing also. There are such various activities as home economics, wood workshop, music, art, band and special labs as well as the older more established subjects such as English, mathematics, social studies, and science.

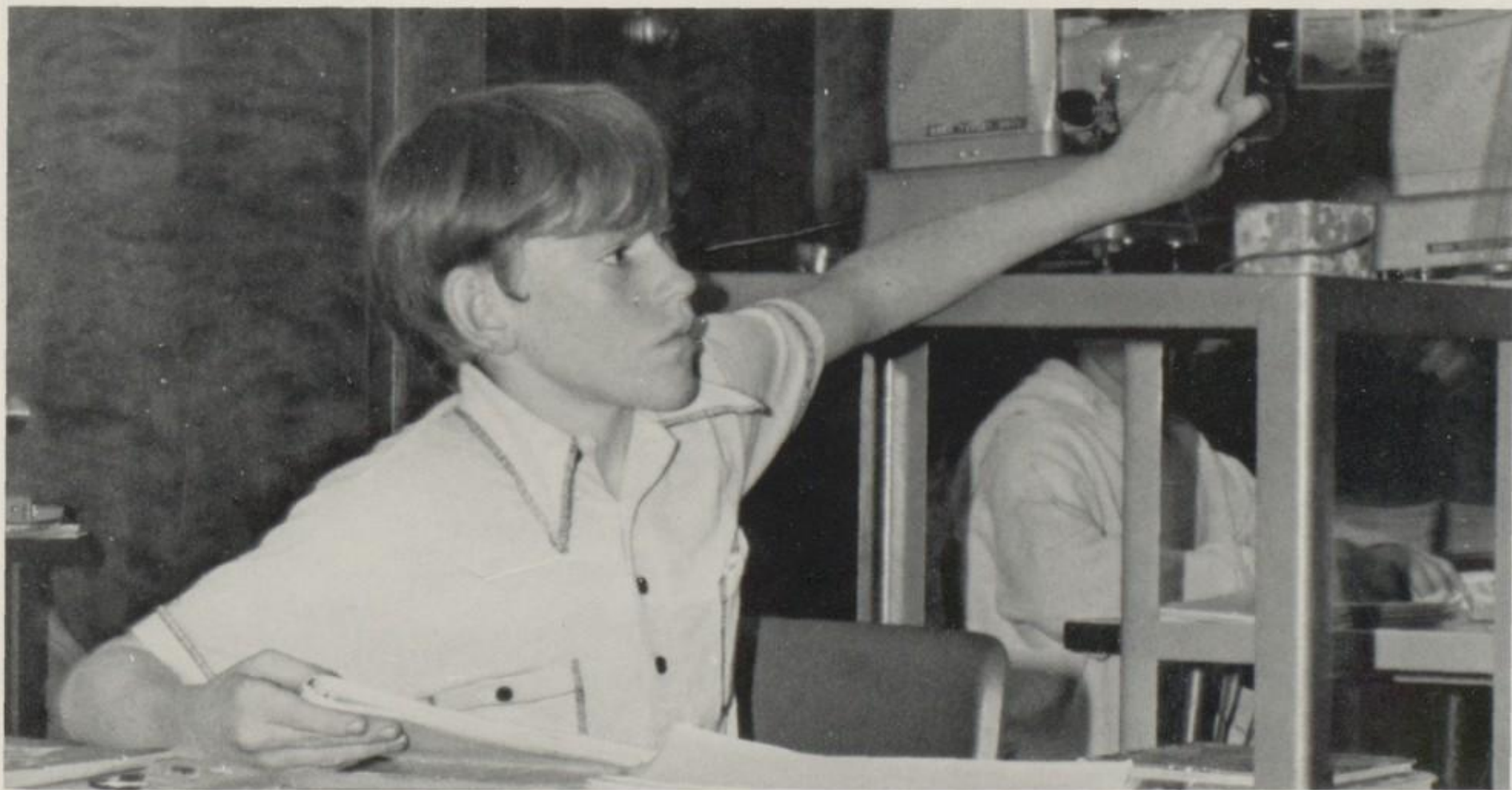
Also not only is the curriculum increasing but new counselors, assistants, and interests are being added to VBJHS.



Mrs. Barbara Scroggins, the jr. high counselor, reviews the rules in the Van Buren School handbook.



Coach Quincy Coleman instructs a boys' P. E. class on tumbling and other various activities.



Using the reading lab equipment, Curtis Jones takes notes on a filmstrip.

Pride in band leads to Pointer Pride

Two weeks of practice before the beginning of school allowed the Van Buren Junior High School Band to march three times during the football season.

The band was led on the field by Drum Major Laura Stanathan. Following her were majorettes Dianna Clopton, Lori Ray, Brenda King, Diane Malun, and Lynn Zechiedrich.

A new addition to the band was the flag line consisting of Angela James, Jo Ellen Sparks, Carolyn Friddle, Vicki Odell, and Michele Winkler.

The VBJH band shows their spirit by playing at all pep rallies. The band also performs twice a year in concerts, at Christmas and in the spring. They play before judges at All-Region contests in March.

The students showed their individual talents at solo and ensemble competition and individual All-Region tryouts. In 1977-78, 29 people qualified for All-Region.

The Band is under the direction of Mr. Pat Bowles and the new assistant director, Mr. Steve Workman.



The VBJH Band helps boost Pup pride and spirit by playing at all home games.



Band members are: Front row, Delana Moore, Tainya Clark, Belinda Wimberly, Pam Hunter, Kim Winborn, Becky Hobson, Susan Gibson, Lynn Zechiedrich, Lori Oliver, Terri Davis, Hester Bray, Tina Hargis, Karen Henderson, and Greg Lovett. Second row, Jay Steel, Meredith Daugherty, JoEllen Sparks, Velvet Medlock, Lisa Edwards, Debbie Hatfield, Beverly Walker, Tabi Hubbs, Lori Ray, Diane Malum, Brenda Scott, Olivette Russell, Janita Means, and Kevin Kelly. Third row, Ricky Crowder, Laura Stranathan, Lori Wilson, Lisa Morrison, Carolyn Friddle, Vicki Odell, Kim White, Angela James, Dianna Clopton, Kim Henderson, Becky Stephenson, Randy Clegg, Leigh Ann Foley, Kim Marshall, and Brad Crosson. Fourth row, Barry Wagner, Tommy Gregory, Shawn Barnes, Mark Haas, Lee Nigh, Mary Schmidt, Marvin Honeycutt, Scotty Orsburn, Tim Vogel, Lee Rogers, Bill Westfall, Megan Daugherty, Tammy Weaver, and Scott McBrayer. Fifth row, Lori Lynn Oliver, Lisa McDowell, Wes Miller, Doug Daugherty, Vivian McFeeters, Stan Hosier, Steve Tinney, Wade Brewer, Darrell Jackson, Larry Binum, John Hembra, Teddy Gay, Shannon Klink, Robert Young, Donald Glass, and Johnny Harris. Back row, Mr. Steve Workman, Paul Limberg, Greg Young, Gary Cury, Joe Harris, Jeff Crosson, Clay Gilliland, Paul Duncan, and Mr. Pat Bowles.



The VBJHS Band performs the Christmas Concert, one of two concerts played yearly.



The 1977-78 majorettes are Brenda King, Dianne Malum, Lynn Zechiedrich, Lori Ray, and Dianna Clopton.



VBJHS Drum Major is Laura Stranathan.

Cheerleaders boost pup spirit

After hours and hours of practice, hours of leading pep rallies, and after waiting a whole week for a game, the cheerleaders at Van Buren Junior High lose no enthusiasm. They work with every bit of energy they have to lead the Pup fan's cheers and make the game day just a little more special than other days.

They put on special routines and do skits to make the pep rallies something to remember. They dressed up as midgets one day, and another day they threw a pie in Coach Quincy Coleman's face. They try to make each pep rally have something that the others do not.

What makes these cheerleaders special? They not only work school, but during the summer they attend a one week, Shamrock Cheerleading Camp. It was held in Eufaula, Oklahoma this year.

The VBJHS cheerleaders led their greatest cheers of all, when the Pointer Pups won the 4AAA championship with the win of their last game of the season.



VBJHS cheerleaders express their feelings for the Pup football team as they anticipate their next win.



Pup cheerleaders are row 1: Leigh Breeden, Laura Summerhill, and Leigh Ann Venable; row 2: Angie Brown, Francie Cook, and Janelle Buchalla; row 3: Traci Stevens; top: Linda Fritts.



Cheerleader Linda Fritts seems contented as she tightens a loose shoe during a VBJH Pup basketball game.

Pep club shirts up growing pup spirit

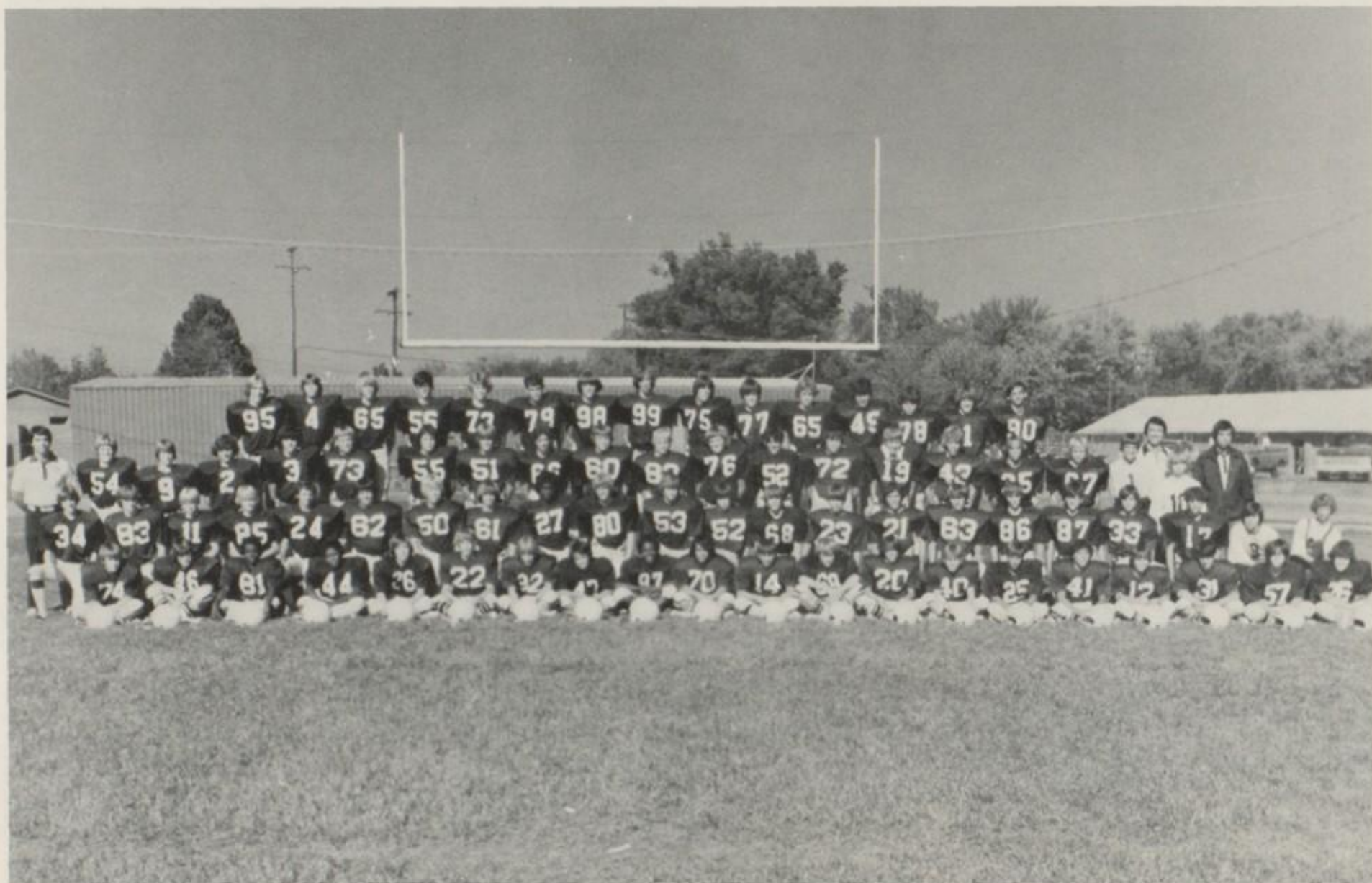


Pep Squad shows 'go, go' spirit during a Pups football game at Blakemore Field.



Pep Club, left to right, front row, Sheila Willis, Suzette Keajewski, Rhonda Key, Marianne Neal, Chandler Gilliland, Aniza Montgomery Treas., Janie Richmond Reporter, Gail Milosav Vice-President, Vicki Bell President, Leslie Johnson Secretary, Stacy Gramlich, Lynda Rofkahr, Vicky Breeden, and Debra Darter. Row 2, Margie Jones, Sherri Hopkins, Angie Roberts, Leslie Mitchell, Polly Smithson, Melissa Hays, Linda Breeden, Donna Young, Kim Willey, Michele Lambert, Sheila Ward, Sheila Pike, Kim Brewer, Lisa Melton, Tammy Darter, Cathy Dart, Cheryl Jordan. Row 3, Tina McGhee, Teresa Morton, Tammy Canady, Teresa Sullivan, Karen Mitchell, Peggy Moore, Nancy Taylor, Shana Maxey, Carmen Davis, Connie Akins, Rhonda Kelly, Sheryl Gregory. Row 4, Donita Betts, Lawanda Goins, Patty Dyer, Theresa Woodruff, Dana Huddleston, Mitzi Landthrip, Yvonna Hunter, Mary Clopfelter, Candy Eddy, Mitzi LaRue, Kelly Hladky, Lisa Eddy, Vonda Hyatt, Janice Eldridge, Donna Greenwood, Cindy Pitchford, Tina Tittsworth, Lynn Drueg, Mary Beth Hightower, Tina Lea Justice, Pam Breeden, Barbara Pollack, Pam Museley. Row 5, Tammy Myers, Pam Dougan, Gayle Craig, Linda Fagan, Sherrie Williams, Jackie Knot, Lisa McDowell, Pauline Gamble, Belinda Walker, Jean Phelps, Janice Yeakley, Becky Cruise, Carol Newton, and Lisa Michael. Back row 6, Carla Ballard, Barbara Steaman, Terri Fow, Carlene Reed, Cindy Key, Jackie Lehn, Carla White, Donna Ketchum, Donna Schuster, Bridgett Udey, Judy Briley, Denise Chadwick, Twylla Burnett, and Robyn Greenwood.

Pups end season as District champs



Pup Football Team, front row, Steve Hamlin, Steve Johnson, Andy Johnson, Lenny West, Joe Peer, Randy Rogers, Terry Tash, James Snow, Wyman Jones, Jackie Bernard, Kenneth Wilmoth, Paul Duncan, Larry Jones, Buddy Hesslen, Billy Marion, John Pena, Brad Crosson, John Kelton, Darrell Spencer, and Doug Martin. Second Row, Tommy Shelly, Jeff Burgess, Steve Landers, David Needham, James Moore, Lindsey Atkinson, Roy Beal, Robert Banks, Steve McDonald, John Dunn, Richard Brooks, Louis Anderson, Clay Gililand, Billy Smith, Richard Dye, Steve Croft, Gary Mosely, Randy Johnson, James White, Drannon Bray, and Dubby Smith. Third row, Coach Ron Mitchell,*Kendall Taylor, Stan Flenor, Mark Linam, Darrell Wallace, Jeff Crosson, Joe Harris, Jerry Bean, Johnny Fischer, Doug Vollmar, Doug Martin, Richard Brooks, Harold Lincks, Jimmy Hawkins, Chris Moore, Nathan Killough, Mike Briley, Marty Hawkins, Coach Mike King, and Coach Quincy Coleman. Back row, Kenny Gunter, Steve Lunsford, David Sessions, Jay Williams, Jack Neilson, Kenneth Greyson, Mike Lopez, Ed Wornkey, Aaron Lynn, Steve King, Mike Jones, Myles Newman, Kenneth Wisely, Tommy Knox, and Daniel Odom.



Coach Quincy Coleman



Coach Mike King



Coach Ronnie Mitchell



Coaches, Mike King and Quincy Coleman look onto the football field in quiet appraisal of the Pup team.



Darrell Wallace, Pup wingback, intercepts a pass during the Pup vs. Morrilton game.

PUP STATISTICS—1977

	OPPONENTS		PUPS	
	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.
First Downs	22	2.7	67	8.3
Yds Gnd Rush	402	50.3	1268	151
Yds Lst Rudh	248	31.0	51	6.3
Net Yds Rush	154	19.3	1217	152.1
Passes	49	6.1	47	5.9
Passes Completed	13	1.5	24	3.0
Yards Passing	241	30.1	364	45.5
Passes Intcp by	3	0.4	6	0.7
Total Offense	395	49.5	1581	197.8
No. Of Plays	242	30.1	258	32.3
Yds Per Play	1.5	1.5	6.1	6.1
Fumbles Lost	7-9	0.8	18-20	1.1
Penalties	20	2.5	35	4.3
Yds Lst Penalties	150	18.5	285	35.6
Score by Quarters				
Opponents		0 6	7 0-	13
Pups		28 23	41 28-	120

HOW THEY SCORED

Player	TD's	FG	PAT	Total
Linam	7	0	2	44
Wornkey	3	0	0	18
Lopez	0	1	13	16
Lunsford	2	0	0	12
Flenor	2	0	0	12
Banks	1	0	0	6
Knox	1	0	0	6
Wallace	1	0	0	6
Totals	17	1	15	120

RUSHING

Player	Trys	Gnd	Lst	Net	Avg.
Knox	4	69	0	69	18.5
Wornkey	4	34	0	34	8.3
Linam	179	946	36	910	5.1
Lunsford	19	70	0	70	3.7
Wallace	24	76	0	76	3.1
Flenor	31	88	15	73	2.3
Rodgers	2	4	0	4	2.0
West	1	2	0	2	2.0
Gilmore	1	2	0	2	2.0
Smith	1	2	0	2	2.0
Jones	1	1	0	1	1.0
Banks	3	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	270	1268	51	1217	4.5

PASSING

Player	Trys	Com	Yds	TD's	Int.
Flenor	46	24	364	3	3
Wornkey	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	47	24	364	3	3

RECEIVING

Player	Cgt.	Yds.	TD's
Wornkey	15	290	3
Wallace	4	27	0
Lunsford	3	24	0
Linam	1	19	0
Lopez	1	4	0
Totals	24	364	3

PUNT RETURNS

Player	Ret.	Yds	Avg.
Banks	7	86	12.2

KICK-OFF RETURNS

Play	Ret.	Yds.	Avg.
Linam	3	77	25.8
Banks	1	17	17.0
Wornkey	1	6	6.0
Totals	5	100	20.0



Pups remain unbeaten

The Van Buren Pups became the fourth team in VBJHS history to go undefeated and untied. The Pups opened workouts on Aug. 15 and worked hard for their opening game with Fayetteville Ramey on Sept. 8. The hard work paid off as the Pups defeated the Indians, 21-0.

Sept. 15, Van Buren took on the Alma Airedale Pups at Alma. The game was a defensive struggle, but VB came away 13-0 for the win. Next, the Pups traveled to Russellville to face the Whirlwinds. The Pups won the hard-fought battle 7-6 on a fourth-quarter touch-down.

Sept. 29 the Pups played Fort Smith Darby at Blakemore Field. A tough defense and several deep punts by Eddie Wornkey kept the Rangers in check as the Pups won again, 14-0.

The Pups played their final road game October 6 at Greenwood. Van Buren ran away with it, 21-0, for an important 4AAA victory.

The Morrilton junior Devil Dogs came to town on Oct. 13. The Pups won, 14-7, but it took an interception by Tommy Knox to kill a late fourth-quarter drive by Morrilton.

Oct. 20 was Parents' Night, and Van Buren whipped Subiaco, 23-0. In this game Mike Lopez became the first Van Buren Junior High player to kick a field goal.

Van Buren played its final game of the season Oct. 27 at Blakemore Field against Mena. Again the defense dominated the game as the Pups won 7-0 on a touchdown pass by Stan Flenor.

The Pups finished the season, 8-0, and they were the region 4AAA junior Champions.

Much of the credit for the 1977-78 football championship goes to Coaches Ronnie Mitchell, Quincy Coleman, and Mike King. Also, throughout the football season the VBJHS Pups were backed and supported by the fans, cheerleaders, pep club, and the student body.

All of these people supported the Pups with such things as pep rallies, and signs, one of which said, "We love you team."

—Mark Linam

The Van Buren Pups rush through a sign prepared by cheerleaders and the Pep Club before the Morrilton game.

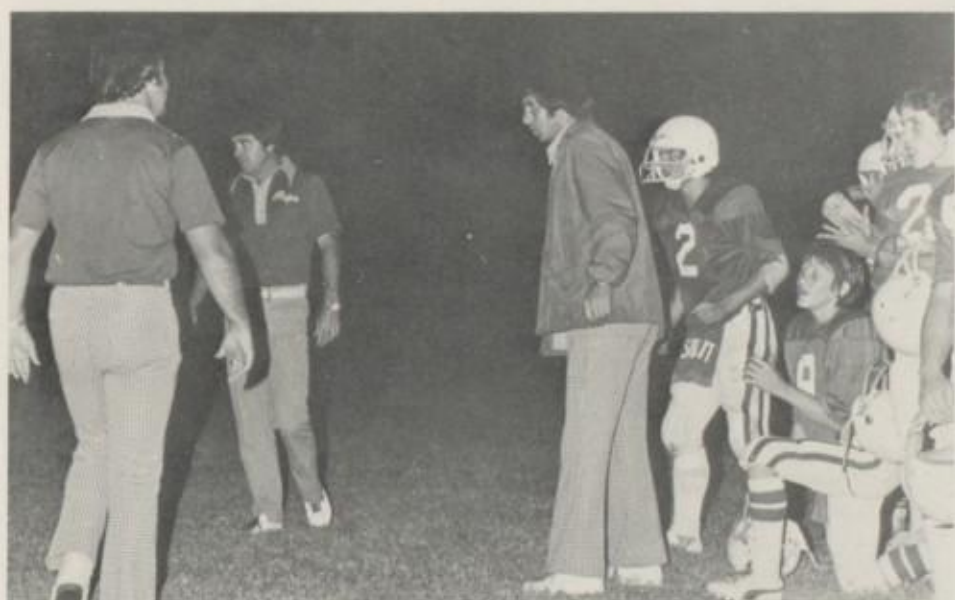


Van Buren Pups and Morrilton Devildogs clash in a tough match ending in another Pup victory.

Pups fans lead mighty team to victory



Pups and Devil Dogs (Morrilton) prepare to dive into a long hard game, ending with the Pups as victors.



The Pup coaches pace the field with uneasiness with worried expressions on their faces.

THE 1977 PUP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 8	Pups 21	Ramsey	0	Home
Sept. 15	Pups 13	Alma	0	Away
Sept. 22	Pups 7	Russelville	6	Away
Sept. 29	Pups 14	Darby	0	Home
Oct. 6	Pups 21	Greenwood	0	Away
Oct. 13	Pups 14	Morrilton	7	Home
Oct. 20	Pups 23	Subiaco	0	Home
Oct. 27	Pups 7	Mena	0	Home



The Pup offense prepares to clash with the Morrilton Devil Dogs' powerful defense.

Pup basketball teams demonstrate pride



The 1977-78 Ninth Grade Boys' Basketball team consists of front row, Scott Berna, Stan Flenor, Leslie Dutton, Mark Linam, Larry Jones, Brad Wheeler, and Mike Byerly, back row, Coach Quincy Coleman, Nathan Killough, Darrell Wallace, Aaron Lynn, Mike Reeves, Eddie Wornky, Steve Lunsford, Mike Lopez, Jimmy Hawkins, Robert Banks, Randy Jones, Drannon Bray, and Steven Johnson.



The Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball team consists of, front row, David Parish, Kenny Wilmoth, Brad Crosson, Scott McBrayer, Terry Mooney, Lenny West, Terry Tash, Billy Marion, and Greg Lovett, back row, John Pena, Kevin Nunley, Steve Hamlin, Jeff Stevens, Steve Bell, Kendall Taylor, Rodney Wiley, Roger Graham, Myles Newman, Steve Croft, Jeff Burgess, Kelvin Stringer, Darrell Spencer, Steve Landers, Larry Engle, and Coach Mike King.



The 1977-78 Ninth Grade Girls' Basketball team consists of front row, Angie Greenfield, Lynn Workman, Lisa Robins, Teresa Lasiter, Jada Holland, Cheryl Kirkpatrick, Dena Belt, and Lisa McCoy. Back row, Sheila Willis, Elaine Toran, Tammy Walters, Debbie Andrews, Dianne Chandlis, Karin Stevens, Donetta Gooch, Michele Jones, Mary Adams, Coach Twila King.



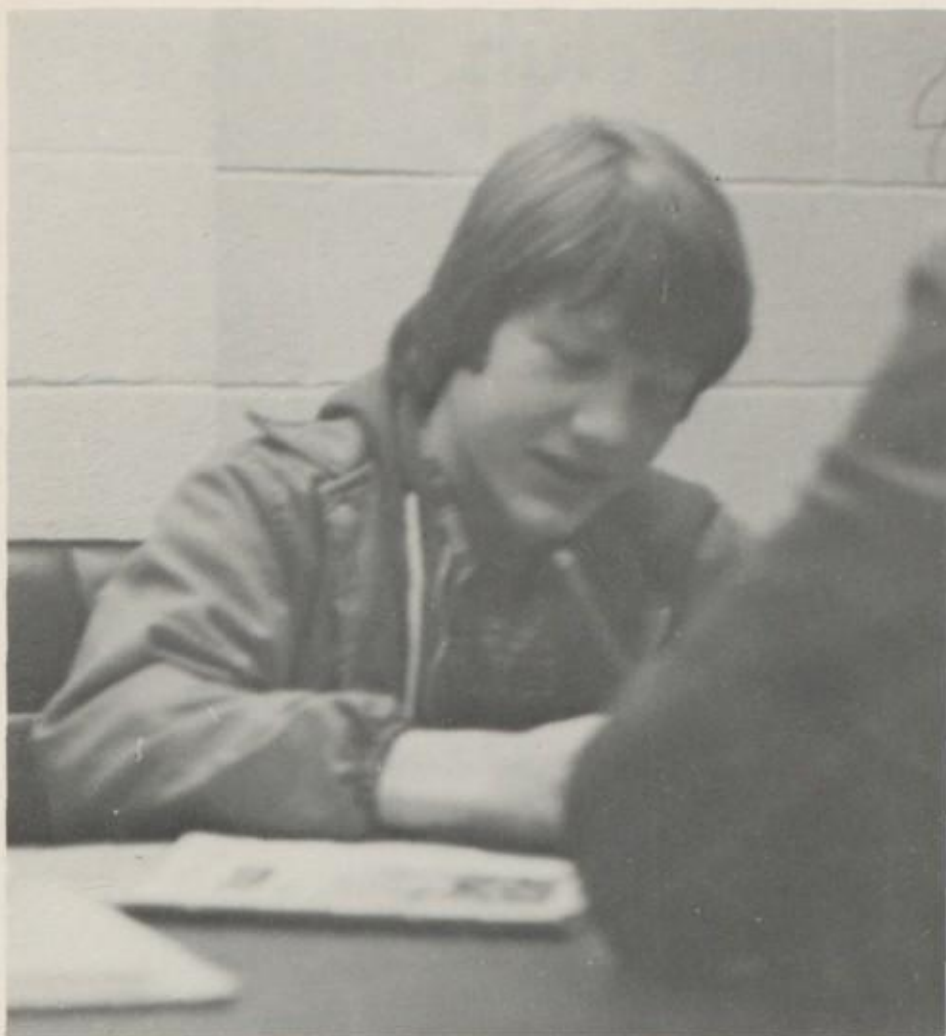
The Seventh Grade Girls' basketball team consists of Kim Williams, Kim Means, Brenda Breeden, Donna Young, Mona Abernathy, Brenda Watts, Connie Parks, Laura Hess, Deanna Nelson, Raylynn Kirkpatrick, Cindy Pitchford, Joy Watkins, and Ellie Pitchford.



Having a meeting about new inductees to NJHS are Brad Crosson, Aaron Lynn, Miss Deborah Sikes, Mrs. Rebecca Rains, Francie Cook, and Janella Buchella, honor society sponsors and officers.



The 1977-78 **National Honor Society** members are, front row, Randy Rogers, Brad Crosson, Janella Buchella, Aaron Lynn, Francie Cook, and Mark Linam. Row 2, Ricky Crowder, Gary Mosely, Jackie Lehn, Belinda Wimberly, Brenda Scott, Robyn Shores, Cindy Kendig, Joellen Sparks, and Cindy Key. Row 3, Steve Landers, Scott McBrayer, Randy Clegg, Larry Engel, and Shana Maxey. Row 4, Suzette Krajewski, Alice Holleman, Velvet Medlock, Cindy Trout, Debbie Swaim, Kaye Underwood, Vicki Hayes, Janice Friddle, Hester Bray, and Doug Martin. Back Row, Caly Gilliland, Marvin Honeycutt, Teresa Vandervert, Mike Lopez, Donnetta Gooch, Angela James, Jeff Crosson, Laura Stranathan, Michele Thomas, and Laura Summerhill.



Stan Flenor, Student Council president works to keep the council well organized.

Student Council provides honor, entertainment, services

Open House, a Christmas dance, a volleyball game are just some of the activities the VBHS Student Council performed during the 1977-78 school year.

Since the Student Council is one of the influential organizations in school, it sponsors such activities as Citizen of the Nine-Weeks and Mr. and Miss Pup.

Citizens of the Nine-Weeks are chosen by the teachers; one boy and one girl are chosen from each grade. Mr. and Miss Pup are freshmen nominated by the Student Council. They are put on a ballot and voted on by the student body.

The officers this year were president, Stan Flenor; vice president, Scott McBrayer; secretary, Linda Fritts; historian, Dianna Clopton; and treasurer, Teresa Vandervort. Sponsors this year were Mrs. Joan Wiley and Mrs. Reddick.



The 1977-78 Student Council members are Dianne Clopton, historian, Linda Fritts, secretary, Stan Flenor, president, Teresa Vandervort, treasurer, Scott McBrayer, vice-president, second row, Lori Wilson, Polly Smithson, Francie Cook, Janie Huffstetler, Marie Skaggs, Leigh Ann Venable, Leslie Mitchell, third row, Traci Stevens, Chandler Gilliland, Randy Clegg, Velvet Medlock, Kim Marshall, Hester Bray, Doug Martin, Brad Crosson, Alicia Vandervort, fourth row, Scott Berna, Michele Thomas, Mike Lopez, Karen Stephens, Jimmy Hawkins, Donnetta Gooch, Wandy Taylor, Vicki Odell, and David Parrish.

Chess Club perfects; art club creates



Chess Club members are, front row, Shan Neely, Laura Stranathan, Randy Clegg, Gary Mosely, Bobby Hamm, back row, Kenneth Steward, George Mullens, Eric Lyons, Gary Curry, and Robert Pursley.



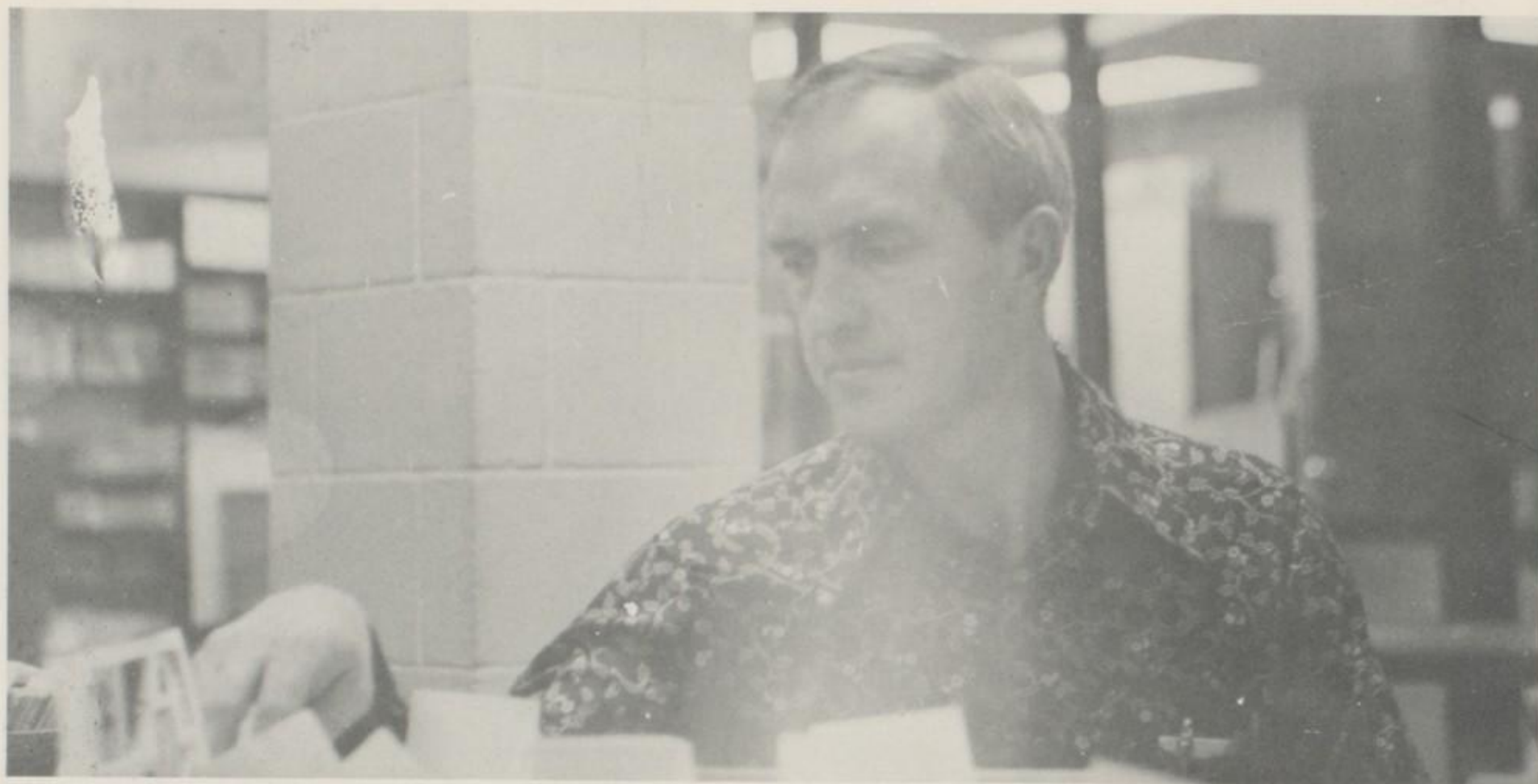
Art Club members are front row, Alvin Young, Bobby Jerdon, Eddie Loving, Donna Greenwood, Gary Smith, Tammy Holland, Karin Peters, Twila Burnett, Bobby Hamm, Debra Lowder. Second row, Don Anderson, Melidy Jerdon, Lori Barnwell, Debra King, Kim Fagan, Rhonda Bailey, Tammy Canady, Mary Hightower, Third row, Patricia Johnson, Jimilee Pendleton, Melinda Sparkman, Danny Jones, Jeff Osborn. Back row, Michelle Penson, Stephanie Henty, Cheryl Samuels, Cherry Brown, Donald Bowling, and Betty Young.



Mrs. Joan Wiley, Linda Fritts, Stan Flenor, Mrs. Susan Speaker, and Scott McBayer meet to discuss some pressing school matters.



Office workers are Teri Thomas, Melinda Overbey, Teresa Marston, Debbie Andrews, Tian Beckham, Laurie Gunn, and Cathy Irvan. Second Row, Patty Dyer, Tammy Walters, Kaye Underwood, Anna Hailes, Kim Massey, Mona Medlock, and Jeannie Eldridge. Third row, David Broyles, Wade Brewer, Sheila Willis, Angela James, and Mary Adams.



Mr. Gene Dooly works to keep the VBJHS library a quiet, efficient place for the students' enjoyment and reference.



Library workers this year are front row; Chuck Mahan, Tina Hunter, Ellen Sparks, Gina Jones, Debora Darter, Cheryl Samuels, Carlene Reed, Vicki Childers, and Terry Mooney, Row 2 Olivette Russell, Stephanie Henry, Wilson Reynolds, Jerry Beane, Mike Osborn, and Juli Williams, Row 3, Tim Arnold, Peggy Moore, Peggy Corbell, Teresa Mefford, Yvonna Hunter, Deanna Belt, Judy Johns, and Vonda Hyatt, Back row, Ronnie Webb, Betty Jones, Debbie Hatfield, Jeffrey Walters, Bill Westfall, and Billy McClure.

Music clubs work to show talent, pride



Laura Stranathan strains for perfection in her singing to the accompaniment of a piano and other singers.



Boys' Chorus consists of Billy Pursley, Arnold Johnson, Steve Swaim, and Raymond Newton.

Music Clubs show perfection, enthusiasm



Girls' Ensemble consists of Bethany Bumpers, Laura Stranathan, Bonnie Standford, Linda Ward, and Mrs. Dorothy Staton.



Music Club consists of, front row, Dana Huddleston, Arnold Johnson, Laura Stranathan, Patricia Johnson, and Lynda Rofkahr. Back row, Theresa Eastman, Jo Ellen Sparks, Dave Jennen, Rhonda Odom, and Kristie Gannaway.



Members of the **All-School Chorus** were, front row, Arnold Johnson, Laura Pratt, Bethany Bumpers, Ronda Bailey, Billy Pursley, Row 2, Kristie Gannaway, Kathryn Bailey, Tommy Darter, Debora Darter, Cathy Darter, Back row, Donna Greenwood, Jeanie Eldridge, Travis Syrock, Wendell McFarland, and Sherry Brumley.



The **Girls' Chorus** consisted of Myra Hunter, Bonnie Stanford, Bethany Bumpers, Michele Thomas, Laura Stranathan, Glenda Kye, Debbie Lamprey, second row, Linda Ward, Virginia Hopkins, Sandra Bean, Donna Ross, Teresa Mefford, Sharon Bean, and Jackie Kay Knox. Back row, Marie Condon, Tammy Horton, Paula Simmons, Lisa Parks, Mary Corbit, Tami Larmer, Derenda Flippin, Joellen Scarbrough, and Candy Eddy.

FHA portrays VBJHS's enthusiasm

The Sweetheart Dance, Christmas caroling, parties, and many other activities are part of being a member of the Future Homemakers of America.

FHA's two biggest projects of the year were the Sweetheart Dance and Family night.

Family night was a potluck dinner where families came as a whole to be together. C. J. Franklin, the youth director of the First Baptist Church, was the guest speaker. The entertainment was the Treblettes from VBHS and the "Marvelous Midgets."

The Sweetheart Dance involved many weeks of preparation. "The Funk Administration" was chosen to perform. The master of ceremonies was Mr. Bill Pharis.

At the beginning of the year, there was initiation week. At the end of the week the members and new officers were installed.

The officers for 1977-78 were Francie Cook, Laurie Summerhill, Angie Brown, Angela James, Lori Ray, Robbie Bell, Sherri Hoyle, Leigh Breeden, Teresa Vanderwort, Tammy Faubus, and Donnetta Gooch.

Every year one boy from VBJHS is

chosen to be the FHA Beau. He is chosen for his citizenship, leadership, character, and participation in school activities. The FHA Beau was Mark Linam.

Other activities of the year included the ice cream social, Christmas caroling, and selling Stanley Products.

At the ice cream social members had a lot of good ice cream, fun, and old-time music.

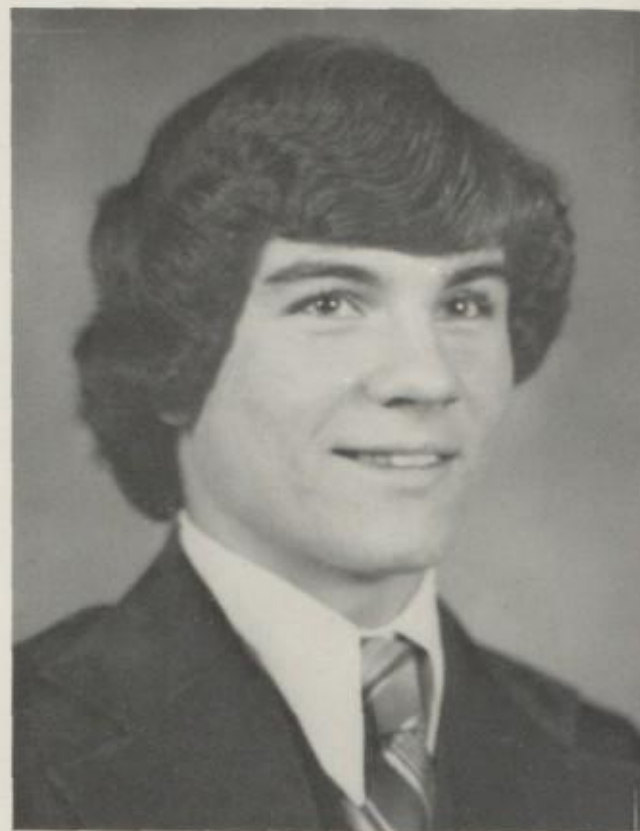
During Christmas the members went caroling around the school and to such businesses as People's Warehouse Market and the Municipal Complex.

Also, at Christmas, the FHA sponsored a Cookie Walk for the teachers. This was to help the teachers to have things on hand when guests arrived at their homes.

As the money-making project, the members sold Stanley Products. This year a total of \$4200 was sold. The FHA made a profit of \$840.

The FHA sponsor is Mrs. Beverly Owens, Home Economics instructor.

—Angela James—



The 1977-78 FHA Beau is Mark Linam.



The Future Homemakers of America in 1977-78 were Sherri Hoyle, recreation officer; Donetta Gooch, song leader; Laura Summerhill, first vice president; Angela James, chaplain; Robbie Bell, secretary; Mark Linam, FHA Beau, Francie Cook, president; Cindie Brown, second vice president; Leigh Breeden, reporter; Lori Ray, treasurer; Teresa Vandervort, and parliamentarian; Row 2, Veronica Coleman, Stephanie Henry, Cindy Hayes, Cindy Kendig, Linda Fritts, Becky Horton, Vicki Bell, Sheila Ward, Michele Lambert, Kim Mossey, Gina Jones, and Lynne Workman, Row 3, Lucky O'Kelley, Rhonda Key, Suzette Krajeiski, Patty Dyer, Anza Montgomery, Shana Maxey, Virginia Hopkins, Judy Johns, Vicki Hayes, Tian Beckham, Vicky Breeden, Debora Darter, and Tammy Graves, Row 4, Tommy Knox, Sheila Willis, Georgia Estes, Lisa King, Dianne Mallum, Leigh Ann Veneble, Lynn Zechiedrich, Mona Medlock, Anna Hails, Gail Mulasov, and Peggy Corbell, Row 5, Robert Klomfas, Joy Williams, Terri Fow, Nita White, Cathy Irvan, Kaye Underwood, Lori Lynn Oliver, Denise Chadwell, Gail Bush, Jeannie Phillips, and Wanda Taylor, Back row, Angie Figley, Sherri Hopkins, Ed Worniky, Angie Roberts, and Sarah Gass.



Freshmen members of the Sweetheart Court and Sweetheart candidates consist of, seated, Francie Cook, Angie Brown, and Linda Fritts. Standing, Tammy Faubus, and Tammy Walters.

'78 FHA Court chosen

Excitement rose as the FHA Sweetheart Dance was held March 18. The event was originally scheduled for Feb. 18, but due to snow and icy roads it was postponed.

Preparation played a major part in making this a successful dance. FHA girls spent many hours planning the right decorations, choosing entertainment and refreshments. These were just a few responsibilities the girls had.

The dance was held in the Junior High Cafeteria from 9:00 p. m. to 12:00 midnight.

"The Funk Administration" of Fort Smith provided music for the occasion.

Members of the Sweetheart Court were nominated by the Student Body and chosen on character, leadership in school, citizenship, and participation in school activities. Freshmen elected were Angie Brown, Francie Cook, Tammy Faubus, Linda Fritts, and Tammy Walters. Karen Stephens was elected to serve as eighth grade maid and Kathy Cluck seventh grade maid.

The sweetheart candidates, the five freshmen girls, were then voted on by the student body and the girl who received the most votes was named queen.

Master of ceremonies for the coronation ceremony was Mr. Bill Pharis. He introduced members of the court and their escorts. Then he announced the Runners-up and the Sweetheart.

FHA beau Mark Linam crowned the Sweetheart.

Angie Brown was escorted by Nathan Killogh, Francie Cook was escorted by Tommy Knox, Tammy Faubus was escorted by Stan Flenor, Linda Fritts was escorted by Mike Lopez, Tammy Walters was escorted by Steve Lunsford, Karen Stephens was escorted by Eddie Wornkey, and Kathy Cluck was escorted by Steve Bell.



The 1978 junior high FHA Sweetheart Court consists of, left to right: freshmen Tammy Walters, Francie Cook, seventh grade maid Kathy Cluck, freshman Angie Brown, eighth grade maid Karen Stephens, freshman Tammy Faubus, and Linda Fritts.

Freshmen



Seventh and eighth graders look up to freshmen in the same manner that juniors and sophomores look up to seniors. They realize that freshmen work hard to be freshmen and work hard to become sophomores also.

After being No. 1. at junior high for a year, becoming a sophomore seems to be an anti-climax, even though it is a grade higher. That's what makes being a freshman so special. They are the kings and queens of Van Buren Junior High School.

At Van Buren a freshman has rights that he can't even dream of having in senior high as a sophomore. He has the run of the halls, the locker bay, the library, lunchroom, the office, and anything else he feels big enough to take over.

It's not only the tyranny of being a freshman but it is the special things school brings to the oldest, more experienced students also.

He is the star of the football team or basketball team. She is the captain of the cheerleaders or majorettes. They are the officers of clubs and the best, friendliest in the school.

Freshmen live in high spirits



Donnetta Gooch and Linda Fritts greet parents during the annual open house.

Mary Adams, Sherman Adams, Mary Akins, James Allen, Mark Allen



Connie Allison, Charles Alverson, Stevie Anderson, Debbie Andrews, Timmy Arnold



Tim Arnold, Mary Atkins, Robert Banks, Shaun Barnes, Martin Beats



Ray Beals, Sandra Bean, Tina Beckham, Luther Belcher, Elizabeth Bell





Robbie Bell, Vicki Bell, Melinda Bentley,
Scott Berna, Mike Beyerle



Sandra Biggs, Mike Birely, Toby
Bourlon, Tina Bowling, Patty Bowman



Brian Brackett, Jimmy Brasuell, Celeste
Breeden, Clay Breeden, Leigh Breeden



Vicki Breeden, Dale Brewer, Angie
Brown, Mariesa Brown, Sarah Brown



David Broyles, Drannon Bray, Leonard
Brunly, Leneord Brumley, Sherry
Brumley



Cheryl Bryant, Janelle Buchalla, Bethany
Bumpers, Gail Bush, Dayna Cambell



Lynn Canady, Gary Carter, Gari Carter,
Denise Chadwick, Kenneth Chatman



Diana Clopton, Veronica Coleman,
Roger Collins, Francie Cook, Mike Cook

Bruce Coombes, Lori Coombes, Peggy Corbell, Carla Crabtree, Jeff Crosson



Debbie Darter, John Darter, Doug Daugherty, Megan Daugherty, Sheila Davenport



Terri Davis, Nina Dean, Jimmy Dodson, Stacy Downs, Paul Duncan



Dahl Dunuvant, Leslie Dutton, Richard Dye, Patty Dyer, Patty Eacret



Robert East, Julie Earnest, July Ernest, Darren Eddy, Allen Edwards



Georgia Estes, Tammy Faubus, Laura Ferreri, Angie Figley, Johnny Fisher



Stan Flenor, Shelly Ford, Keith Foster, Jackie Foulk, Terry Fow



Linda Fritts, Thomas Gage, Terry Gallagher, Laura Gannaw, LaDonna Gardner



Pup enthusiasm adds much night life



1977-78 Drum Majorette, Laura Stranathan leads the band during a Pup game.



Boosting spirit with stunts and cheers, the VBJH cheerleaders led the Pups to many victories.



Johnny Gartrell, Teddy Gay



Susan Gibson, James Gilcrease



Clay Gilliland, Mike Gilmore



James Glass, Glenda Glassgo



Donetta Gooch, Sarah Goss



Brad Gramlich, Tammie Graves



Kenney Grayson, Pam Green



Tommy Gregory, Laurie Gunn

Kenny Gunter, Anna Hailes, Dwight Hambi, Joe Harris, Lyle Harris



Mark Hatwig, Mike Hatwig, Jimmy Hawkins, Marty Hawkins, Cindy Hays



Vicki Hayes, Kim Henderson, Stephanie Henry, Buddy Hesslen, Harold Holden



Harold Holder, Billy Holmes, Charlette Holmes, Marvin Honeycut, Edward Hooten



Sherrie Hopkins, Virginia Hopkins, Beckey Hooten, Stanley Hooten, Sherrie Hoyle



Terrie Hoyle, Tamie Hughes, Tabi Hubbs, Janice Irvan, Kathy Irvan



Angela James, Johnny James, Lori Jenkins, David Jehnen, Melody Jorden



Keith Jeremiah, Steve Jeremy, Judy Johns, Arnold Johnson, John Johnson





Steve Johnson, Barry Jones, Betty Jones,
Danny Jones, Gina Jones

Jeana Jones, Larry Jones, Randy Jones,
Ricky Jones, Wyman Jones

Herbert Kelly, Jerry Kelly, Gina Kelton,
Tina Kelton, Cindy Kendig

Billy Ketchum, Rhonda Key, Jackie
Khillig, Dana Killian, Nathan Killogh

Freshmen participate with extra zeal



Many VBJH students participate in 50's Day to show their support for the Pups.

Pups take pride in ability, perfection



Jada Holland gets the rough end of a joke from Terry Tash and Kathy Ball during their break.



Robert Sessions gets his books before hurrying to class.

Bobby King, Brenda King, Lisa King, Shannon Klink, Robert Klomfas



Tommy Knox, Jaquita Kosier, Rock Kosier, Suzette Krajewsky, Glenda Kye



Michelle Lambert, Theresa Lasiter, Vickie Lattin, Mark Linam, Mike Lopez



Eddie Loving, Steve Lunsford, Aaron Lynn, Mark Lynn, Eric Lyons





Diane Malum, Steve Marion, Preston Marley, Sydra Mason, Kim Massey



Shana Maxey, Judy McBride, Michelle McClure, Dawn McConaugh, Steve McDonald



Barbara McFadden, Leigh Ann McFadden, Vivian McFeeters, Lisa McGhee, Vickie McGrew



Mona Medlock, Teresa Mefford, Cindy Miller, Gail Milosav, Fran Minnick



Quinn Mitchell, Anza Montgomery, Carl Moore, Glen Moore, James Moore



Peggy Moore, Mona Moreland, Lisa Morrison, Gary Mosely, George Mullens



Ronnie Neal, Clayton Neidecker, Jack Neilson, Carol Newton, Lee Nigh



Debbie Odeh, Daniel Odom, Lucky O'Kelly, Dennis Oliver, Lori Oliver

Lori Ann Oliver, Billy Osborne, Jeff Osborn, Scott Osborn, Mike Pachi



Rita Parker, Connie Parks, Tammy Parks, Betty Parsons, Cindy Patterson



Deanna Patterson, Joe Peer



Bill Perry, Billy Pers



Darlene Phillips, Jeannie Phelps



Randy Primm, Brenda Rainwater



David Ragsdale, James Ragsdale



Randy Ragsdale, Lori Ray



Freshmen learn many new, enlightening skills, crafts



Gary Carter patiently sands his wood-working project and waits for the final result.



James Richey, Betty Rickets, Wesley Riley, Dwight Roam, Angie Roberts



Dana Robinson, Ross Robinson, Sheila Robinson, Lee Rogers, Randy Rogers



Jeff Rogoff, Phyllis Roundsville, Donna Ross, Joellen Scarbrough, David Sessions



Kath Shackelford, Steve Shelton, Billy Smith, Bobby Smith, Daaren Smith



Dubby Smith, Gary Smith, Susan Smith, JoEllen Sparks, Michelle Staggs



Barbara Stedman, Becky Stephenson, Brett Stephens, Kenny Stewart, Pam Stewart

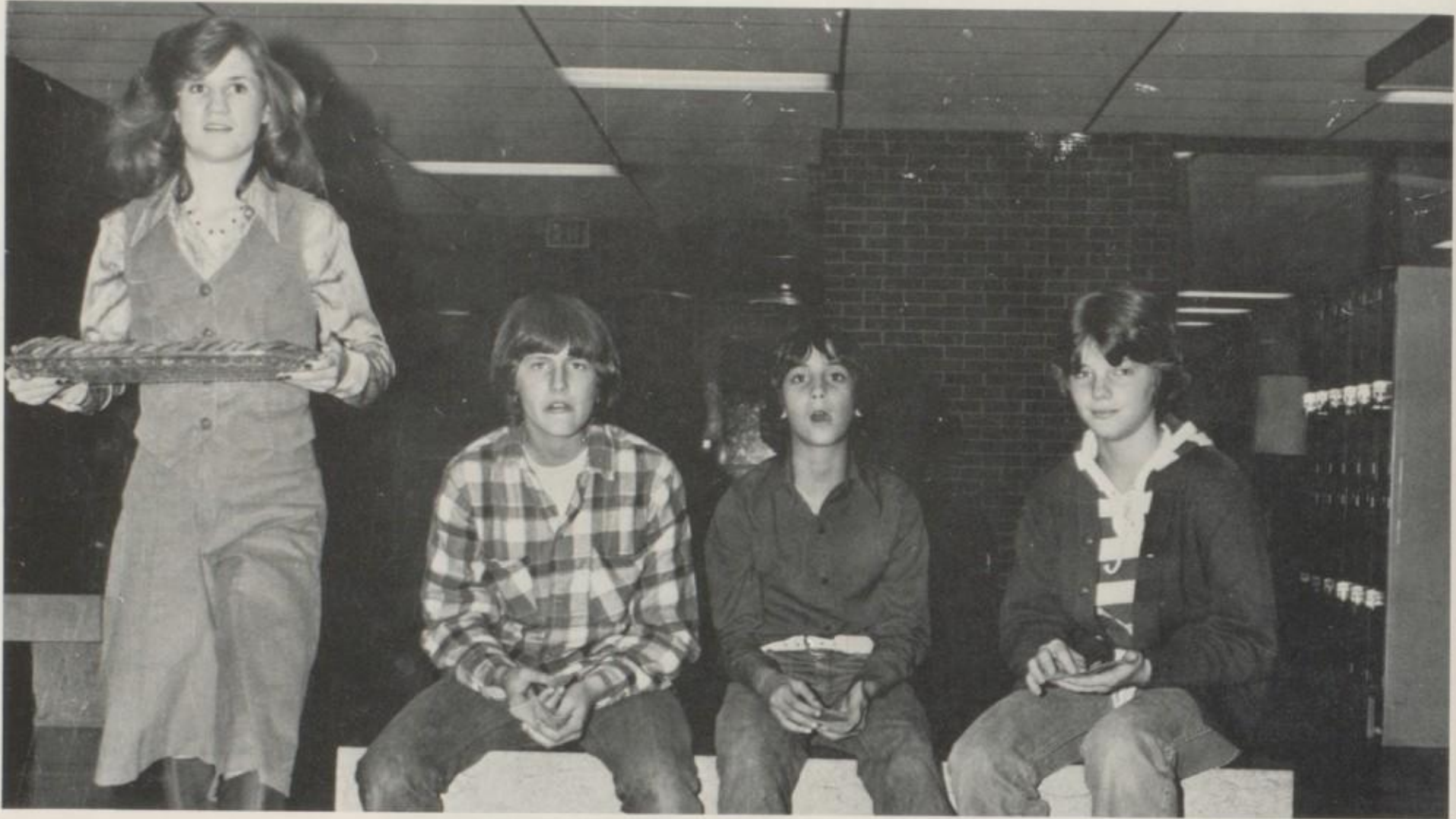


Jackie Stuedeman, Laura Stranathan, Laura Summerhill, Debby Swaim, Travis Syrock



Wanda Taylor, Teresa Thomas, Richard Titsworth, Cindy Trout, Charles Tullock

Students experience refreshing year



Donetta Gooch hurries to serve refreshments after Teresa Lasiter, Barbara Bernard, and Jada Holland have helped themselves.

Leon Tugg, Charles Tullock, Gwenn Turner, Kay Underwood, Tresa Vandervort.



Leigh Ann Venable, Beverly Walker, Beverlie Walker, Doug Walker, Chris Wallace



Darrell Wallace, Tammy Walters, Sheila Ward, Tammie Weaver, Carla Wells



Scott Wells, Scott West, Brad Wheeler, James White, Nita White



To Pups, studying is hard, but it works



Concentrating to finish a test, Steve Swaim writes quickly.



Two students make use of the new equipment in one of the labs.



Darrell Williams, Jay Williams



Sheila Willis, Lonny Wilmoth, Kenneth Winberry, Ken Wenburry, Stephanie Winn



Shannon Winters, Kermit Wisely, Earl Woodruff, Ricky Woodruff, Lynne Workman



Eddie Wornkey, Danny Yarbrough, Jim Yarbrough, James Yarbrough, Shiela Yarbrough



Alvin Young, Greg Young, Robert Young, Lynn Zechiedrich, Lynn Zed

Eighth grade likes surroundings

Although the school year of '77-'78 is now almost finished, it has proved to be a thrilling and exciting year for the class of '82. The days of being a pushy eighth grader left suddenly behind and dreams of being a mature, envied, freshman are finally becoming a reality. All the dreams of being looked up to by underclassmen, dreams of becoming the highest up are finally here. The class of '82 have worked long and hard for this title.

Their hard times of being a middleman will soon be over. All the hard work and dedication will be paid off when they look back at their eighth grade year and proudly exclaim, "We did it, we're freshmen!"

Eighth Grade



Tim Akins, Denise Alexander, Jeff Alexander, Billy Allen, Lori Allen, Larry Alverson



Gary Anderson, Lewis Anderson, Randy Arnold, Traci Arnold, Lindsey Atkinson, Carrie Atwell



Richard Bagely, Brian Bagwell, Rhonda Bailey, Kathy Ball, Donna Bean, Jerry Bean



Angela Belcher, Steve Bell, Deanna Belt, Donnie Belt, Randy Belt, Eddie Bennett



Jackie Bernard, Terry Bibbs, Caletia Biggerstaff, Sonja Bigler, James Bowling, Tammy Bowling



Ladonna Bradshaw, Hester Bray, Pam Breeden, Leroy Brewer, Waldo Brewer, Richard Brooks



Lori Brown, Jeff Burgess, Robert Bursley, Brenda Byrd



Eighth Grade



Gayle Crigman, Gayle Cain, Karla Carr, Todd Chadwick, Dianne Chamness, Robert Cahtman



Vicki Childers, Donnie Chronister, Tanya Clark, Randy Clegg, James Clyma, Carla Coker



Marcia Conden, Karen Cooper, Willie Crabtree, Mark Craig, Steve Croft, Becky Cross



Brad Crosson, Ricky Crowder, Gary Curry, Meridith Daughtery, Bobby Daunis, Carmen Davis



Darrell Davis, Mike Davis, Stoney Davis, Wilma Davis, Delana Dixon, Lisa Dodd



Teresa Dodson, Keri Dass, Pam Dougan, Robert Douglas, Artie Dunham, John Dunn



Candy Eddy, Melinda Edgar, Lisa Edwards, Jeannie Eldridge, John Elkins, Debbie Ellison



Stanley Ellison, Larry Engal, Janice Evans, Lean Evans, Tracy Evans, Linda Fagan



Cheryl Farmer, Tami Farmer, Debbie Farrow, Brenda Felcher, Anthony Ferrari, Steve Fischer

Eighth Grade

Laura Fritts, Drenda Flippen, Leigh Ann Foley, Becky Foster, Robin Foster, Lauri Franco



Carolyn Friddle, Danny Garret, Kathy Garrett, Elbert Gartrell, Mark Gathrie, Donald Glass



Randy Glass, David Gordon, Jimmy Gordon, Roger Grahm, Ruth Green, Angel Greenfield



Donna Greenwood, Johnny Gregory, Tina Gregory, Roger Gwinn, Mark Hass, Richard Harden



Allan Hale, Kenny Hall, Tammy Halley, Homer Hamilton, Steve Hamlin, Bobby Hamm



Mark Harold, Eric Harris, Eugene Harris, Johnny Harris, Robert Harris, Tessie Harris



Debbie Hatfield, Obie Hays, John Hambera, Karen Henderson, Kenny Henderson, Tim Henson



Adam Hicks, Adam Hicks, Becky Hobson, Robert Hodge, Paul Hodges, Jada Holland



Alice Holleman, Janice Holleman, Richard Hopkins, Joanne Horton, Tammy Horton, Thresa Horton



Eighth graders enjoy company school provides



Students, teachers, and parents observe projects done in Mrs. Joan Wiley's mathematics class during Open House, Nov. 14.



John Housley, Ronnie Hudson



Janie Huffstetler, Myrna Hunter



Pam Hunter, Tina Hunter



Yuvonna Hunter, Vonda Hyatt, Tina Justice, Daryl Jackson, Andy Johnson, Leslie Johnson



Randy Johnson, James Jones, Kathy Jones, Kay Jones, Mark Jones, Matthew Jones



Michele Jones, Andera Kath, Kevin Kelly, John Kelton, Donna Ketchum, Cindie Key



Eva King, Mike King, Steve Knigh, Cheryl Kirkpatrick, Ronnie Knights, Jackie Knox



Kenneth Kasier, Bobbie Land, Debbie Lamproe, Steve Landers, Mitzi Landthrip, Mitzi LaRue

Lisa Lattie, Lisa Lattin



Jackie Lehnert, Paul Limburg



Dora Limon, Harold Lincks



Jana Loyd, Graig Lutz, Greg Luvett,
Chuck Mayhar, Kelly Mahmens, Billy
Marion



Kim Marshall, Doug Martian, Scott
McBraye, Billy McClure, Twila
McCollum, Lisa McCoy



Lisa McDowe, Richard McGrew,
Michelle McIlvain, John McKaughan,
Vanita Means, Velvet Medlock



Myra Meadows, Kevin Methanc,
Cindy Miller, Chuck Miller, Wesley
Miller, Denna Montgomery



Todd Montgomery, Velta Mont-
gomery, Terry Moon, Chris Moore,
Delana Moore, John Moore



Mauri Moore, John Morris, Pam
Mosely, Tammy Mulkey, Traci Mullis,
Wendi Mullis



Eighth graders join in



Freshman Sherry Hoyle concentrating on her studies absorbs knowledge while Bill Pursley takes a rest.



Eighth Grade



Tammy Myers, David Neal, Renee Neal, Mitzi Neal, David Needham, Myles Newman



Audrey Norwood, Brian Nunley, Vikki Odell, James Odell, Mike Osborne, Melinda Overby



Laura Owen, Ron Pachi, Lisa Parks, David Parrish, Terry Peck, Jeri Peer



John Pena, Teresa Perry, Michael Pless, Ricky Plymale, Barbara Pollock, Brenda Pound



Robert Pursley, James Ragsdale, Jeff Rapier, Julie Reather, Carlene Reed, Mike Reeves



Mike Richey, Tammy Richmond, Lisa Robbins, James Robins, James Rogers, J. R. Rush



Kitten Russell, Olivette Russell, Pam Sharo, Shelia Sabin, Eric Sallee, Jeff Sallee



Terry Sampley, Sharon Sanders, Mary Schmidt, Donna Schuster, Brenda Scott, Tommy Shelly



Latavia Shelton, Ricky Shepard, Tammy Shibley, Robyn Shores, Dayna Shultz, Paula Simmons

Eighth Grade

Marla Smith, Scott Smith, James Snow, Darrell Spencer, Shirley Spessard, Bonnie Stanford



Jay Steal, Jeff Stephens, Traci Stephens, Karen Stephens, Bobby Steward, Kenny Steward



Phyllis Stringer, Kelvin Stringer, Kenny Stuard, Karen Swadley, Melissa Swain, Steve Swain



Kelly Swette, Terry Tash, Brian Taylor, Kendall Taylor, Steve Tenny, Michele Thomas



Teri Thomas, Cindy Titsworth, Dansby Titsworth, Elaine Toran, Jerry Toon, Mike Tounzen



Dung Quoc Tran, Xuan Tran, Jack Turner, Gary Wagner, Bridgett Udey, Belinda Walker



Brenda Walker, Jeff Walters, Linda Ward, Kevin Watson, Tina Weaver, Charlott Wellnitz



Shelia Wells, Kathy West, Lenny West, Bill Westfall, Brent Wheeler, Carla White



Kim White, Larry White, Mary Whitehead, Rodney Wiley, Tina Wiley, Julie Williams



Pups show pride in participation



Students and parents admire student's governmental and historical mobiles.



Total attention is shown by all Band members during the annual Christmas concert.



Brenda Vincent, Tim Vogel, Doug Vollmer, Sherri Williams, Trudy Williby, Margo Willis

Mildred Willis, Tim Wills, Kenny Wilmoth, Lori Wilson, Belinda Wimberly, Kim Winborn

Michele Winkler, Sherry Wise, Paul Woodard, Johnny Woods, Roger Yarbrough, Jeff Yeager

Rookies show strength

Loud bells, flights of stairs, long lunch lines, harder classes, and large buildings are some of the things that a seventh grader has to cope with and adjust to in Van Buren Junior High School.

Students enter Junior High with one of three attitudes: "I'll make it," "I'm scared," or "Oh, good."

Whichever feeling he enters with the shy, quiet, seventh grader learns eventually to deal with almost all situations and learn so that the next year he will be a well-adjusted, pushy, loud, eighth grader.

Then all the times of being scared, and all the butterflies become a part of yesterday, something to look back on and laugh at.

Seventh Grade



Monica Abernathy, Althea Adams,
Connie Akins, Gene Albritton, Mike
Allen, Jeff Apperson



Gary Armstrong, Tim Allen, Wayne
Ashby, Billy Atkins, Lisa Ashlock,
Billy Asher



Jerry Asher, Earl Bagely, Kathryn
Bailey, Tammy Baldrige, Carla
Ballard, Teresa Barker



Mike Barney, Paula Banks, Lorrie
Barnell, Patricia Baty, Lisa Becham,
Terry Bogner



Donald Bowling, Terry Bourlow, Pat
Boyd, Jeff Belcher, Jeff Belcher,
Johnny Belcher



Joe Bell, Mike Bell, Tina Belt, Carl
Bercham, Donitta Betts, Billy Biesell



Steve Biggs, Randy Brasuell





Pup cheerleaders do a routine to cheer the Pups to another victory.



Shannon Bray, Linda Breden



Brenda Breeden, David Brewer



Kim Brewer, Judy Briley



Ellis Brisher, Steve Brodie, Beverly Brown, Sherry Brown, Bruce Burcher, Henry Brumley



Pam Brunk, Richard Borgan, Karen Burkhardt, Twyla Burnett, David Campbell, Karen Campbell



Tammy Canady, Steve Carney, Chase Carter, Jim Center, Lisa Chandler, Tammy Chappell



Lynn Chavez, Donna Cholders, Theresa Childers, Bill Clark, Mary Joe Clotfelter, Kathy Cluck



Randy Cole, Vicki Coleman, Barry Coles, Nelda Collins, Belinda Cook, Greg Cooley



Christine Cooper, Charles Cope, Pat Corbet, Linda Cown, Mae Crawford, Cody Czarkikow



Performing at one of the victorious Pup football games at Blakemore field are the colorful VBJS band and its new flag line.

Seventh graders enjoy junior high excitement

Beverly Darlan, Rhonda Darrow, Daniel Dart, Cathy Darter, Tammy Darter, Monica Daugherty



Carl Daunis, Bobby Davenport, Bobby Davenport, Elizabeth Davenport, Sherry Davenport, Hazel Davis



Traci Day, Joanna Deal, Lisa Deal, Dedra Dehart, Tommy Denham, Buddy Dempsey



Darrell Dodson, Mike Domer, Timmy Domerese, Alan Doss, Darrel Dotson, Cory Downs



Jecina Dufresne, Joey Dunn, Lisa Dye, Theresa Eastman, Lisa Eddy, Dania Eoff



Kim Fagan, Denver Ferrari, Denver Ferrari, Charles Fitzgerald, Betsy Finnie, David Flenor



Seventh Grade



Ronnie Folsom, Anna Forehand,
Bently Foster, Brian Foster, Tereisa
Fox, Kim French



David Furr, Pauline Gamble, Kristy
Gannaway, Linda Gay, Eddie Gilbert,
Glen Gillet



Yvonne Gillet, Chandler Gilliland,
Julie Gram, Stacy Gramlich, Debbie
Gray, Roger Green



Robyn Greenwood, Alvis Gregory,
Bobby Gregory, Sharyl Gregory,
Stacy Gregory, Brenda Grigsby



Troy Grigsby, Lauranda Goins, Paul
Hollaman, Ricky Hallmark, Mark
Hamilton, Edwin Hamm



Norman Hamm, Tina Hargis, Preston
Harrison, Jimmy Harshburger, Gail
Hatfeild, Melissa Hays



Karen Heaston, Joanna Hambera,
Donnie Hender, Staci Henry, Lisa
Herring, Laura Hess



Lisa Hess, Dennis Hicky, Mike
Hicks, Mary Hightower, Kevin Hinkle,
Kelly Hladky



Joyce Holden, Tammy Holland, Rick
Holmes, Donnie Hooten, Dwight
Hopkins, David Howard

Seventh Grade

Dana Huddleston, Lisa Huggins, Mary Huggins, Monica Hughes, Mitchell Hunter, Rodney Inman



Danny Ivy, Bobby Jerden, David Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Curtis Jones, Danny Jones



Jerry Jones, Margie Jones, Scott Jones, Susan Jones, Cheryl Jordan, Danny Keith



Rhonda Kelly, Kay Kennedy, Sam Kimbly, Debrah King, Raye Kirkpatrick, Robby Klink



Shawn Knoles, Jeff Langley, Kari Latta, Ricky Laxton, Henry Lee, Joe Limon



Tia Loga, Dale Lopez, Leroy Lutz, Steve Lynn, Connie Mann, Jeff Martin



Donnie Mason, Francis Mason, Michelle Mason, Ruby Maxwell, Dianna Mayes, Troy McAnally



Mike McClure, Billy McCormick, Debbie McCormick, Lisa McDowell, Becky McFadden, Wendall McFarland



Tina McGhee, Harold McGrew, Molly McGrew, Cortney Means, Kim Means, Hubert Melton





Tainya Clark sings "Ben" in the music-sponsored talent show at Junior High on Nov. 22.

Underclassmen like hectic Junior High life



Lisa Melton, Lisa Micheal, Kristy Miller



Becky Ming, Angela Minnick, Karen Mitchell



Leslie Moore, Barbara Moore, Barbara Moore



David Moore, Peggy Morrison, Wesley Moore, Gem Musgrave, Marianne Neal, Shane Neely



Deann Nelson, Johnny Newby, Debbie Newton, Larry Newton, Randy Newton, Rhonda Odom



Daniel Oliver, Marcia Osborn, Vicki Parker, Darin Parks, Janet Patton, Jason Pea



Brenda Peck, Kimmille Pendleton, Michele Penson, John Peters, Karen Peters, Sandra Phillips



Wayne Phillips, Sheila Pike, Cindy Pitchford, Ellie Pitchford, Benny Pixley, Steve Pope

Seventh Grade

Laura Pratt, Randy Ragains, Gary Rankin, Jamie Rankin, Kevin Ray, Stacie Reeves



Paula Reynolds, Wilson Reynolds, Mike Rice, Kim Riley, David Robins, Wayne Robinson



Lynna Dawn Rofkahn, David Rogers, Ricky Rogers, Danny Ross, John Rush, Forrest Russell



Teresa Russell, Teri Russell, Dana Ryan, Cheryl Samuels, Jimmy Seabolt, Ricky Seaton



John Selby, Dwight Selman, Robert Sessions, Anna Settle, Pam Shannon, Kenneth Sill



Stacy Sindle, Phyllis Skaggs, Cindy Smith, Debbie Smith, Karen Smith, Mike Smith



Renee Smith, Scott Smith, Dolly Smithson, Wayne Smith, James Snail, Linda Sparkman



Angela Sparks, Marye Spiers, Steven Staggs, Connie Stephenson, Linda Stephenson, Ricky Strider



Kenneth Storment, Kenny Strickland, Mildred Suggs, Teresa Sullivan, Andrea Sutton, Nancy Taylor



All Pups participate



The Pep Club, one of VBJH's biggest clubs, leads cheers at a Pup game.



Nancy Taylor, Susan Terry



Lisa Thomas, Steve Thompson



Samantha Thompson, Eugene Titsworth



Tina Titsworth, Tanya Turner, Tandy Tucker, Alicia Vandervilt, Dena Velmire, Dana Villines



Michelle Wait, Kevin Waldo, Briggett Wallace, Steve Washburn, Joy Watkins, Terry Watts



Ronnie Webb, Joey Weinsinger, Wendall Westfall, Ronald Wilburn, Fred Williams, Kim Williams



Kim Williams, Lynn Williams, Tammy Willis, Kenneth Wilmot, Robert Wilson, Tommy Wilson



Tammy Wisnat, Teresa Woodruff, Tammy Woods, Dwayne Worthy, Sheila Worthy, Karen Yancy



Toney Yates, Deborah Yeager, Janice Yeakley, Randy Yocum, Betty Young, Donna Young

School provides friendship, leadership



Angie Roberts, Gail Milosave, David Broyles, Ricky Woodruff visit for a few moments before leaving school and going home.



Chuck Mahar gives Jeffy Walters a helping hand while waiting for the buses to arrive.



Pride in

ENVIRONMENT



McClellan remembered for Deeds

Elected to office in 1934, Senator John L. McClellan grew into one of the most trusted politicians. At the time of his death, Senator McClellan was second in seniority in the Senate.

John L. McClellan was born in Sheridan, Arkansas on February 25, 1896. He was the son of Isaac and Belle McClellan and was named for U. S. representative John Little.

McClellan died only a week after announcing he would not run for re-election.

He was first elected to the Senate in 1942. In 1972 he became chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee in which he was able to determine how federal money would be spent.

In 1972, on the night of his Democratic primary victory over David H. Pryor, McClellan received a congratulatory telephone call from President Richard M. Nixon.

The senators main role for Arkansas is memorialized in the naming of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System.

Other evidence of McClellan's influence is seen in the continued operation of the three Veterans Administration hospitals, the Pine Bluff Arsenal, and the National Center for Toxicological Research.

McClellan was admitted to the Arkansas Bar at the age of 17. He then practiced law with his father in Sheridan. At the age of 30 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the Seventh Judicial district.

President Jimmy Carter called McClellan "a resolute and gifted lawmaker" who "persistently spoke out for a strong defense and upheld integrity in the operations of governments."

Vice President Walter Mondale called McClellan "a friend, as well as a highly respected colleague, whose courage and integrity were beyond question."



The late Senator John L. McClellan speaks at the opening of the Van Buren-Fort Smith Bridge in 1971. Judge David Partain listens.



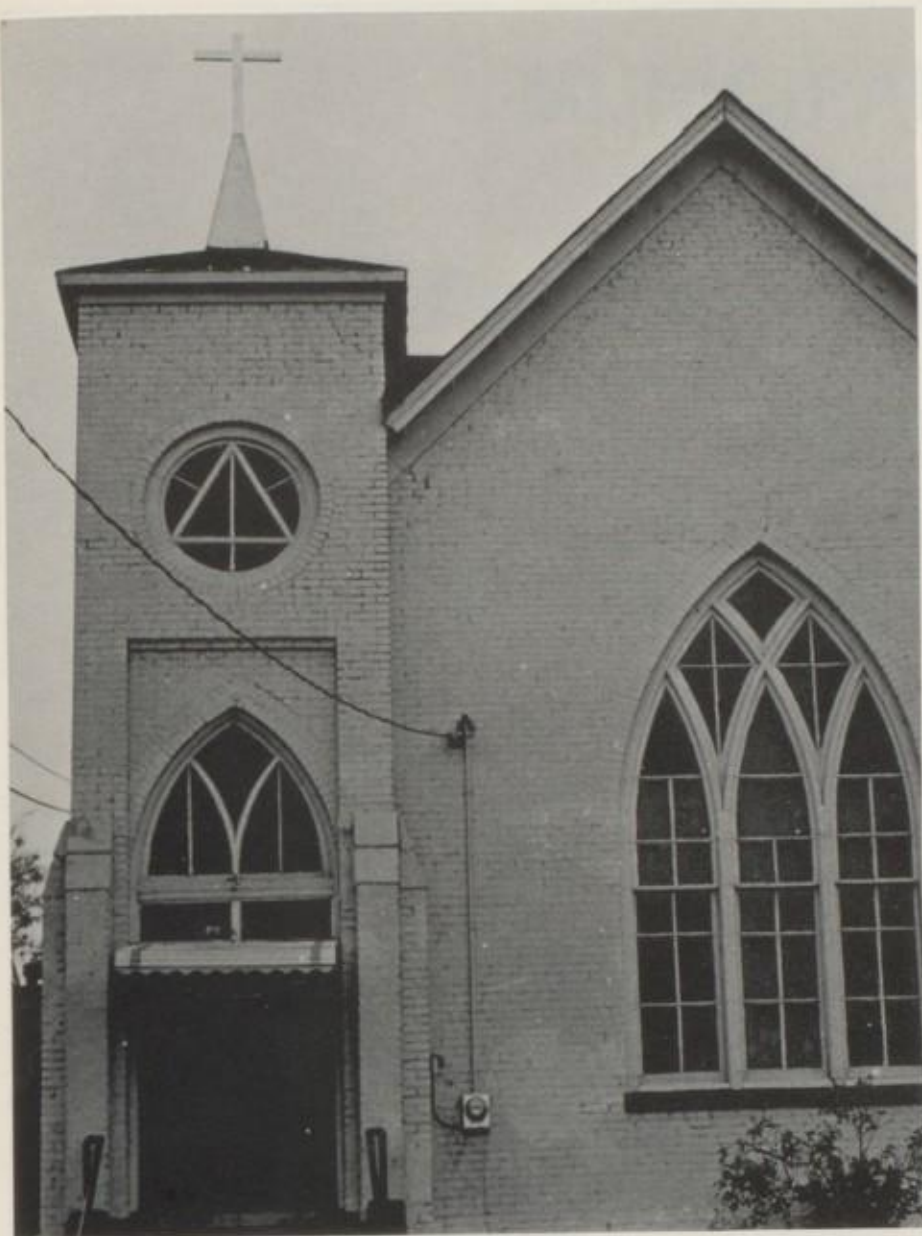
The late Senator McClellan, second from right, observes the cutting of the ribbon to open the Broadway bridge over the Arkansas River in 1971. Also attending was Mayor Allen Ray Toothacher, far right, then Governor Dale Bumpers, far left, and Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt second from left.

History recognized

Van Buren is full of history. The town may not always realize this but the Van Buren Historical Society has worked hard to achieve recognition.

A tour covering different historical sites of Van Buren was held in October. The society toured Bob Burns home which has been restored by volunteer workers. The Wilhauf home, built in 1837, which is located on Front Street and the Louis Bryan home on Fayetteville Street were also toured.

The old Mount Olive Methodist Church on Knox Hill which is still in use today was toured and the Mike Meyer home was toured also. A brief history was given on each of the historical sites and many people from the town attended.



A city landmark, the Mt. Olive Methodist Church was built by slaves before the Civil War.



Junior Chris Evans contemplates the work put into restoring the Bob Burns home along with other historical sights in Van Buren.



Sophs. Ronnie Hodges, Debbie Cudd and Junior Martha Clegg relax on the lawn of the historical Mike Meyer home.

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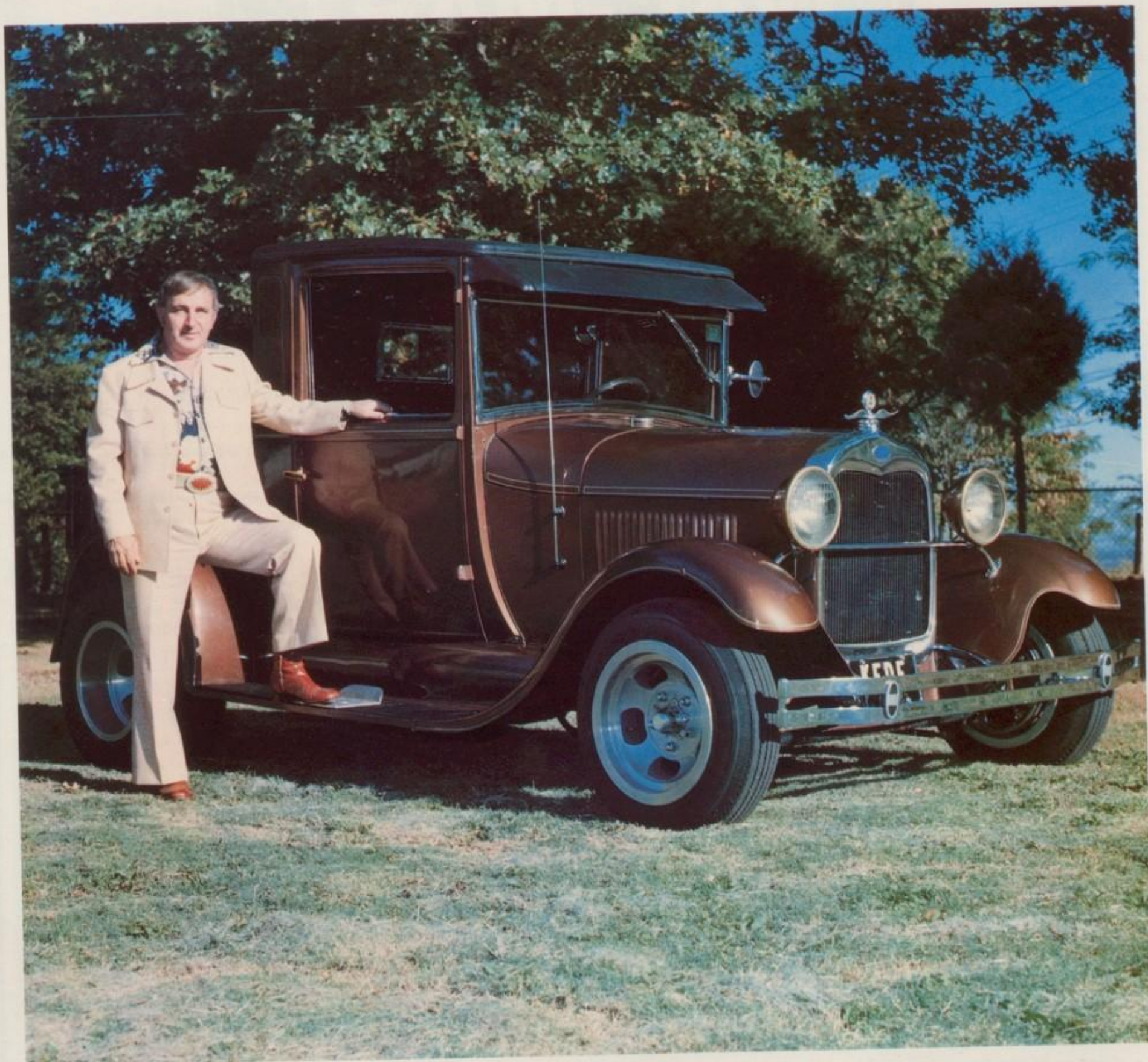
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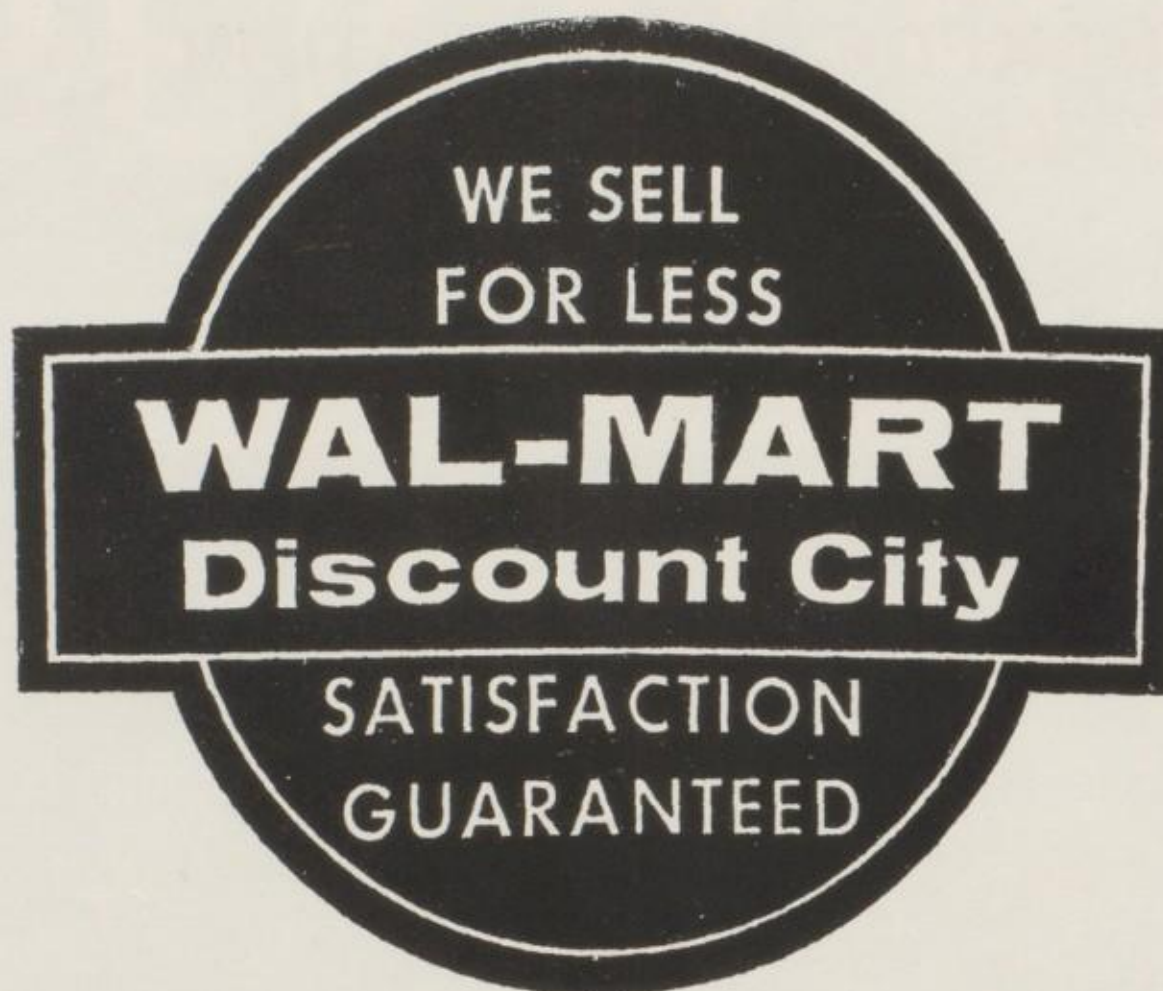


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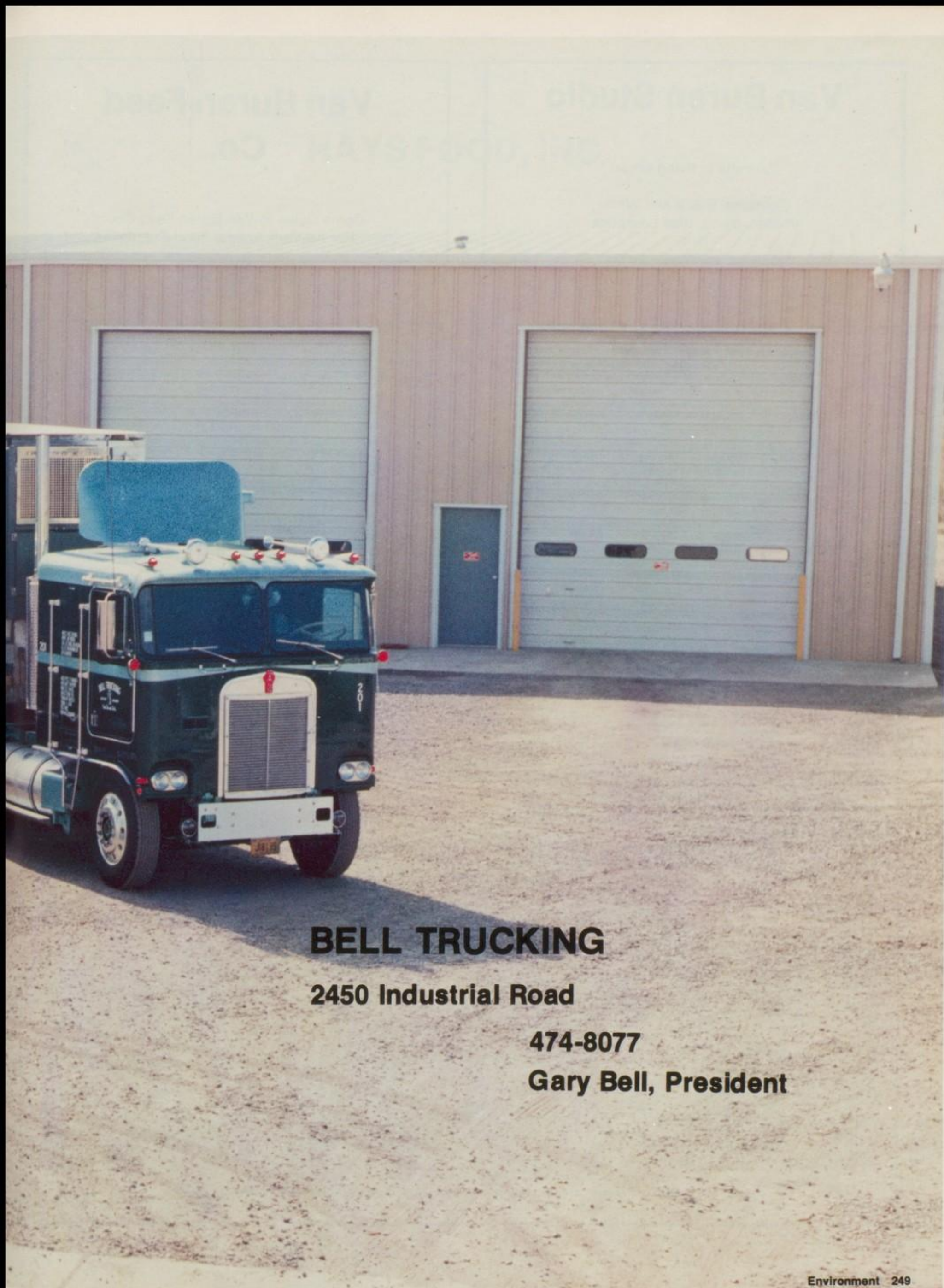
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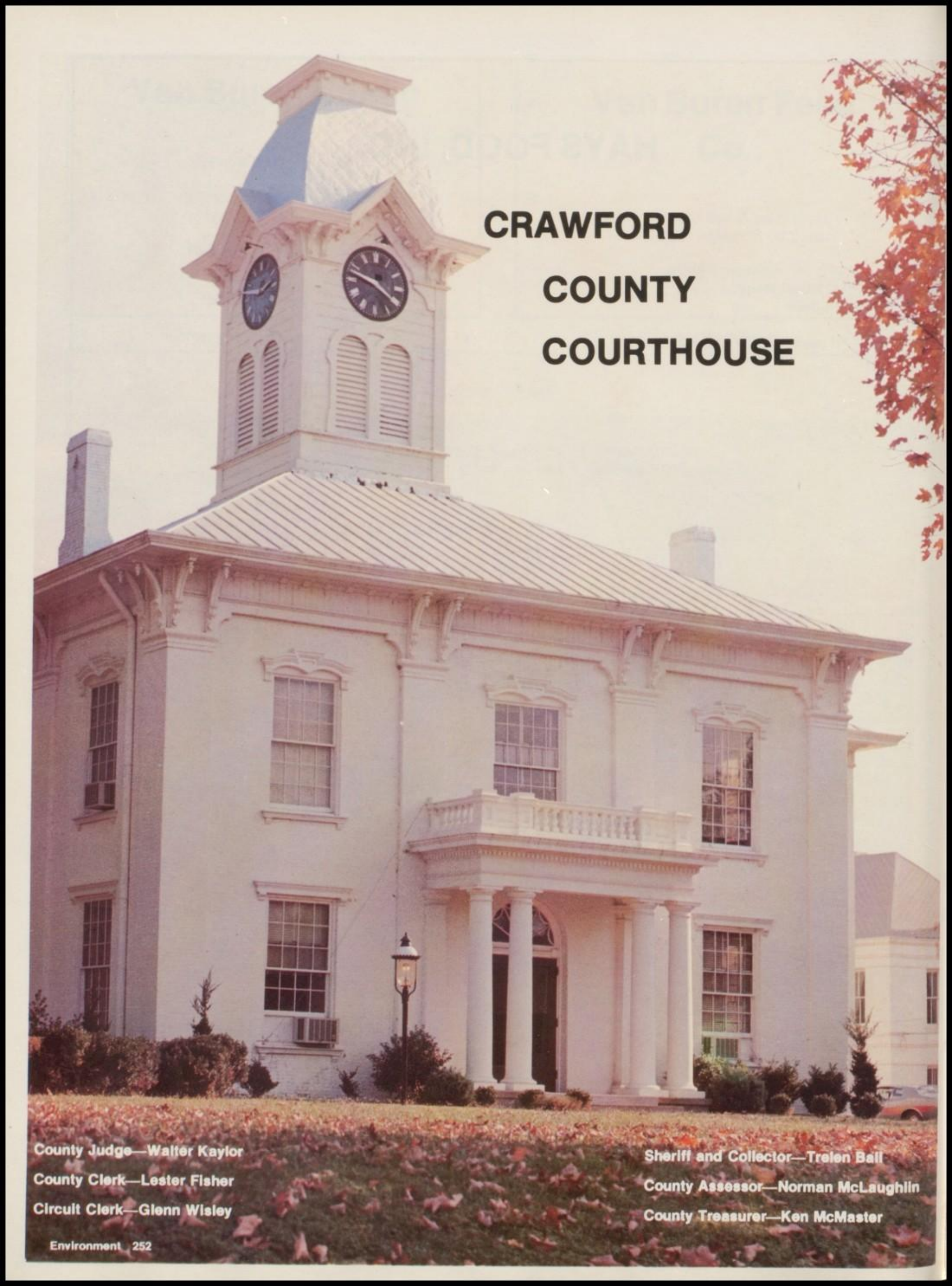
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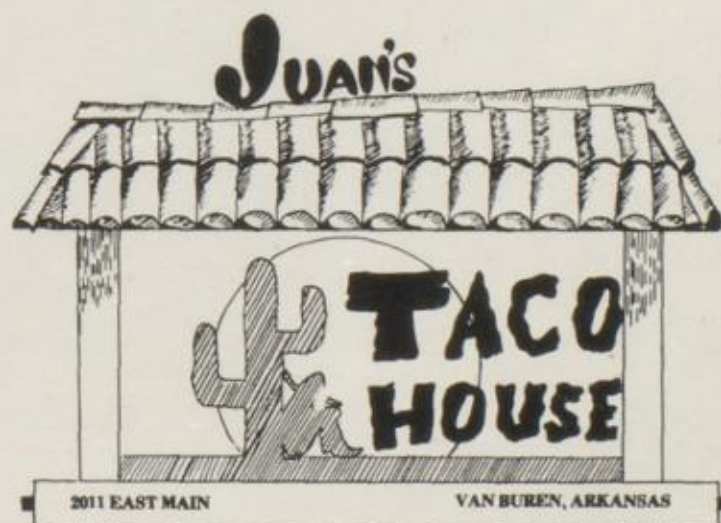
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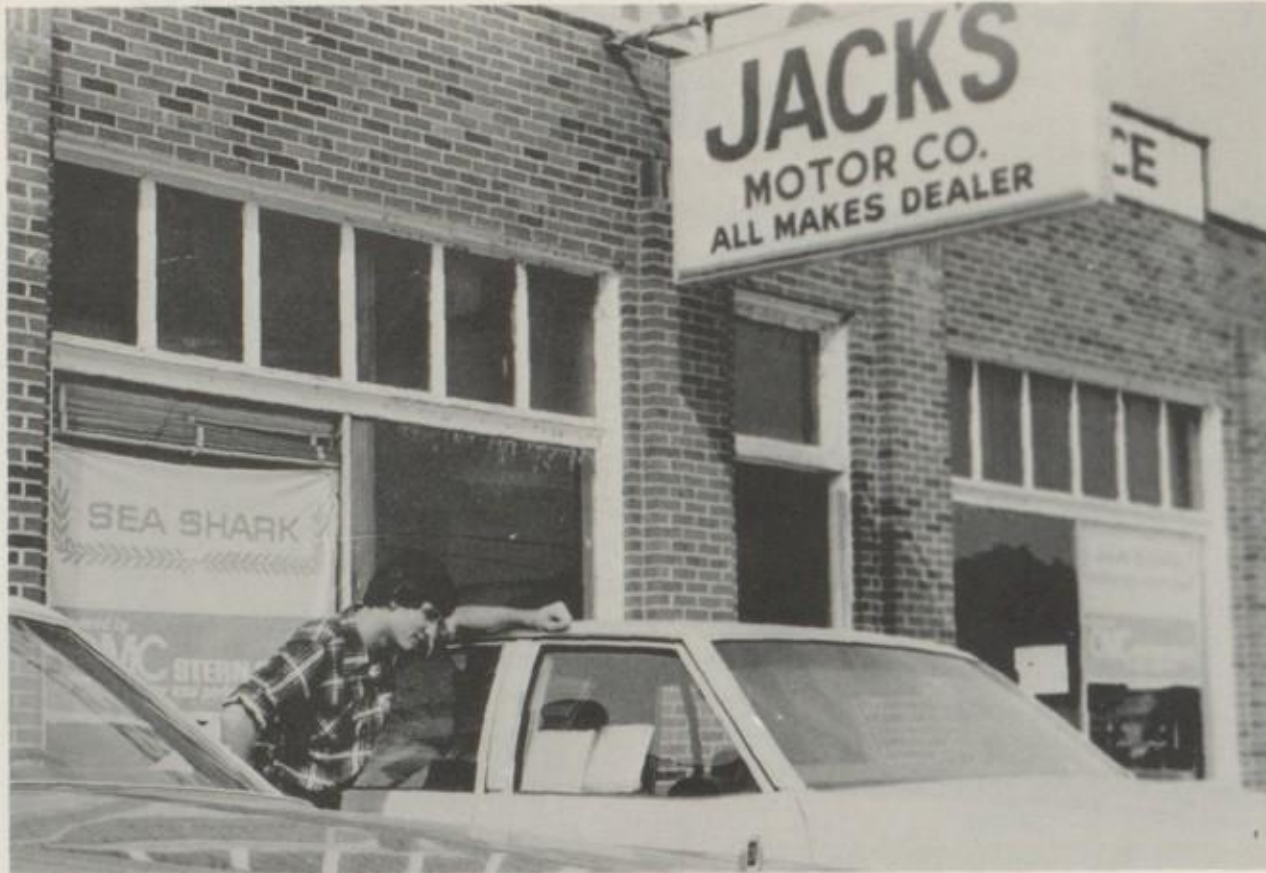
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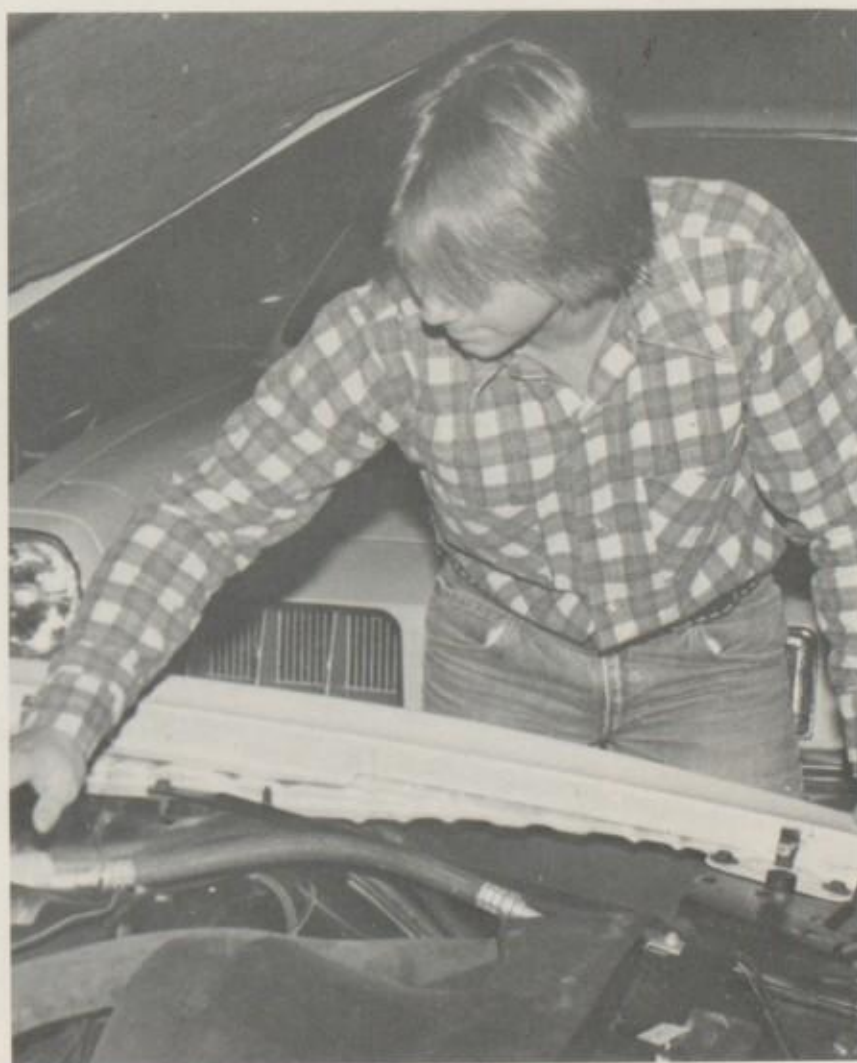
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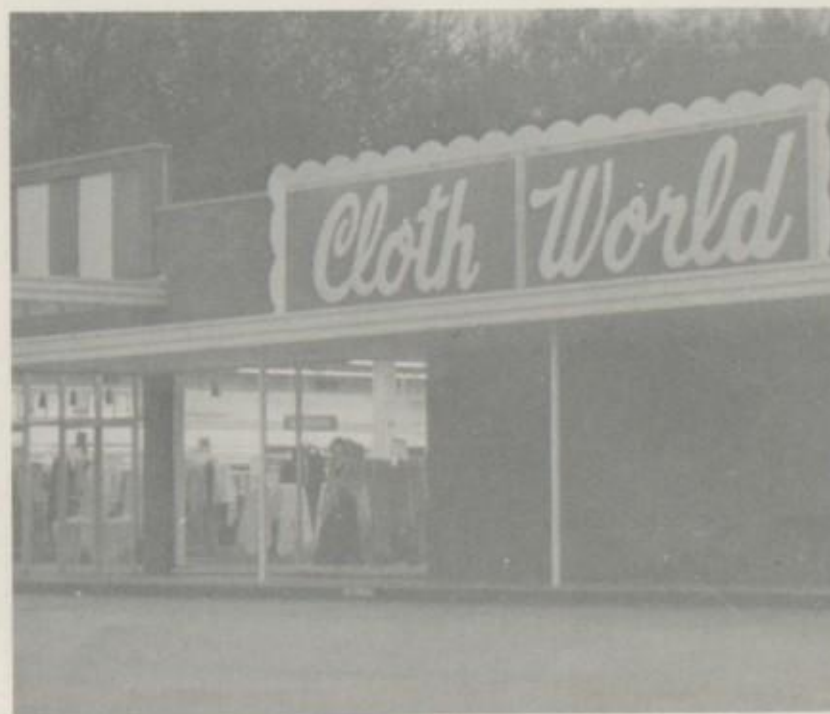
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Ringin' up a purchase, junior Steve Pitchford works at his dad's service station.

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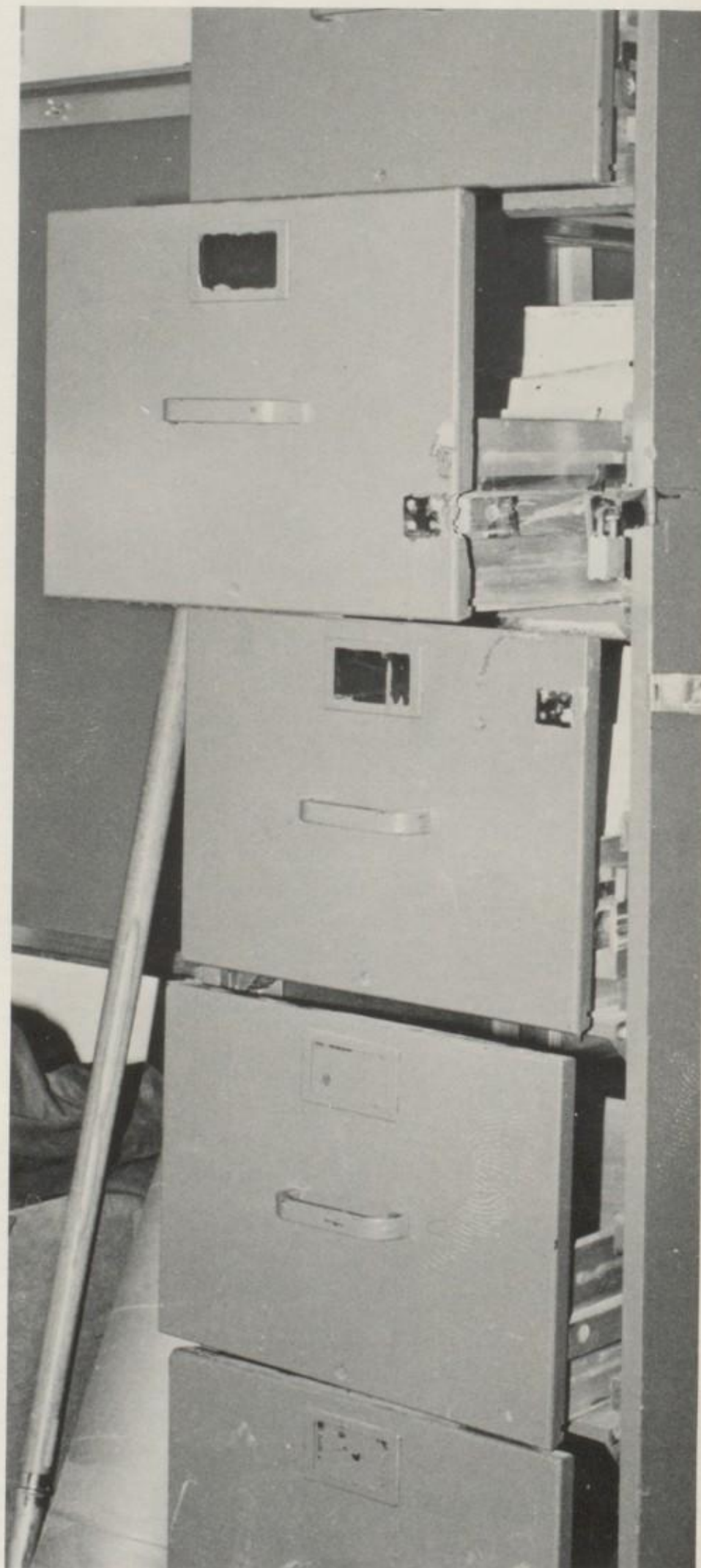
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Pointer Pride lingers

Pointer pride is that undefinable quality that has permeated the student body over the years. Pointer pride is not young or old but ever-existing. It continues to grow, stronger and stronger.

It can be large or complex. Pride was much involved in our amazement, joy, and celebration of our Pointer football team's capturing the AAA state championship. It was involved in the band's being invited to the twenty-second annual Southern Instrumental Conductors Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi. The Pointer Band was the first Arkansas band ever to be invited to this conference. Another sense of pride is the knowledge that senior Becky Noel gained the title of All-State as a choral music student. Recognition is involved with a feeling of pride as the 1977 Pointer was rated superior by the Arkansas High School Press Association.

Pride can be small or less noticeable. It can be as small as listening to junior Tony Kendig sing a solo in the choral music Christmas program. Pride can be as simple as catching the first glimpse of Van Buren High School while driving on Pointer Trail and coming from the east or west.

Students at VBHS feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction in knowing that wherever they go in the state or the area our school and our town are known and immediately recognized and respected. Van Buren is in a unique situation for it is a small town, albeit a mushrooming town, that retains its own identity even though it borders on an industrial, growing city.

Van Buren and Van Buren High School are the epitome of pride, quality, caring, giving of themselves, and a spirit of cooperation.



School Board member C. J. Franklin helps Senior Jim Wilson off the field, after he suffered an ankle injury during the Poteau game.



Terminating his press conference with VBHS journalism students, Governor David Pryor accepts a collection of Pointer Trails from editor-in-chief Pam Key.



From the heat of summer practice to the cold of a winter Southern Conference, the Pointer Band shows pride in being Pointers.



Sophomores Karen Shelly, Becky Green and Carol Grace participate in a snowball fight in the courtyard.



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